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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30th and 31st Vict. c. 54, that the above-named Lady Caroline Louisa Mary Howard, who died on the 23rd of May, 1923, by a Codicil, dated the 16th of May, 1923, to her Will bequeathed—
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statutes 22 and 23 Vict., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 26th day of October, 1923, are required, on or before the 14th day of January, 1924, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors, to whom Probate was granted forth of the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Saorstat Eireann on the 15th day of December, 1923.
And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 14th day of January, 1924, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims and demands, particulars of which shall have been given as hereby required.
Dated this 14th day of December, 1923.
R. NORMAN POTTERTON, Solicitor for Executors, Wicklow street, Dublin.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE MARTIN late of Mucknoe street, Carrickmahaves, in the County of Monaghan, Widow, Deceased.
Take Notice that on the expiration of eight days from the date hereof I will apply to the proper officer of the High Court, at Justice, Saorstat Eireann, King's Bench Division (Probate) for Probate of the Will of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 3rd day of February, 1919, unless a Caveat thereto has been duly entered thereto within the aforesaid eight days.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1923.
JOHN GILLESPIE, Solicitor for the Executor, 12 Molesworth street, Dublin.

IN THE GOODS OF MICHAEL JACOB, late of Allerwood, Co. Kildare, Farmer, Deceased.
Take Notice that on the expiration of 8 days from the date hereof I shall apply to the proper officer of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann (Probate), for a grant of probate of the Will of above Deceased, who died on the 9th July, 1921, on behalf of Joseph Jacob, of Allerwood, aforesaid, the lawful son and legatee, unless a Caveat has been duly entered within the aforesaid 8 days.
Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.
WILLIAM A. DANPHIER, Solicitor, Naas, Co. Kildare.

JOHN J. SULLIVAN, late of 44 Lansdowne road, Dublin, Deceased.
All persons having any claims against the above Deceased, furnish full particulars to the undersigned.
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HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

ARMSTRONG—December 14, 1923, at the residence of her daughter (Mrs. J. C. Howe), Gorse Cottage, Brixham, S. Devon), Catherine (Kate), widow of the late T. J. Armstrong, D.L., J.P., and eldest daughter of the late Rev. John Nicholson, Constable, Rector of Swinford, Co. Mayo, aged 66.

BRETT—December 16, 1923, suddenly, at Cornaboy, Ballymote, Co. Sligo, John J. Brett. Funeral to-day (Tuesday), 1.30, to Rathbarron.

CHAPMAN—December 16, 1923, in Dublin, Marin, daughter of the late Benjamin Chapman, Gorey, Ferns. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday) from Harcourt st. Station, arriving at Ferns 1.23, for Ballycanew.

CONLON—December 17, 1923, at his residence, Forthill, Enniskillen, Robert Conlon, aged 90 years. Deeply regretted. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday).

FARRELL—December 17, 1923, at his residence, Longford, Christopher J. P. Farrell, Solicitor, aged 47 years. R.I.P. High Mass at St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford, to-morrow (Wednesday), 10th inst., at 11 a.m. Funeral from Cathedral immediately after Mass.

HOLMES—December 15, 1923, at his residence, Carianstown, Finea, Westmeath, James Holmes, in his 86th year. Funeral this (Tuesday) morning, leaving at 11 o'clock, for Castlepollard.

KAVANAGH—December 17, 1923, at the County Hospital, Naas, Daniel Kavanagh, late of Timolin, Ballytore, Co. Kildare, aged 74. R.I.P. Funeral private.

McCLURE—December 16, 1923, at Portrane, Co. Dublin, Amelia, wife of S. J. McClure, Interment at Donabate Parish Church to-day (Tuesday), 18th, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, by request.

McKINLAY—December 15, 1923, at Horn Head, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal, Fanny, dearly-beloved wife of Frederick McKinlay, and second daughter of the late William Alcorn, of Horn Head. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing husband, family, and relatives. "Until the day break and the shadows flee away."—American papers please copy.

MALONE—December 16, 1923, Laurence, eldest son of Laurence V. and Bride Malone, Rhode, Offaly. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Tuesday), 18th inst., at 2 p.m., to Rhode Cemetery.

MANGAN—December 14, 1923, at the Bon Secour Nursing Home, Tralee, James, dearly-loved husband of May Mangan, The Ranch, Tralee, Co. Kerry. R.I.P.

MURRAY—December 15, 1923, at his residence, Ardnaveigh, Antrim, Henry Ballour Murray, aged 77 years. Interment in Antrim New Cemetery to-day (Tuesday), at 11.30 a.m. No flowers, by special request.

O'DWYER—December 17, 1923, at her parents' residence, Wellington st., Dun Laoghaire, Margaret Mary, daughter of William and Margaret O'Dwyer, aged 13 years. R.I.P. Funeral to Dean's Grange Cemetery, at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Wednesday). 19th December, 1923.

O'REILLY—December 16, 1923, at the Private Nursing Home, Belvedere, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Bishop of Peoria, Illinois, America, and late of Novara." Hollybrook rd., Clontarf. Office and High Mass at Church of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf, at 11 o'clock, to-morrow (Wednesday) morning. Funeral to Glasnevin Cemetery immediately after.

READE—December 13, 1923, at Holmead, Tiverton, after a week's illness, Sarah Jane, widow of the late Joseph Reade, Ennis, Co. Clare, and beloved sister of Mrs. Bolton. Her end was peace. Friends will please accept this (the only) intimation.

ROE—Patrick, ex-Police Inspector, Chester Police (formerly of D.M.P.). Deeply regretted by sorrowing wife and family. R.I.P. Australian and Canadian papers please copy. Inserted by his loving wife, Margaret.

SARGEANT—December 15, 1923, at Rockingham, Dalkey, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Sargeant, aged 64 years. Deeply regretted. Funeral private.

SHIEL—December 14, 1923, at Clarinda Park, Kingstown, Charlotte Mary, of 8 Earlsfort Mansions, Dublin, widow of John Shiel, Esq., J.P., Kilbegnet House, Co. Roscommon, and daughter of the late Michael Sharkey, Esq., Secretary County Grand Jury. R.I.P. Interred at Kilbegnet family graveyard.

SQUIRES—December 16, 1923, at The Rectory, Monart, Alice, third daughter of the late William A. Squires. Funeral at Monart to-morrow (Wednesday) at 3 p.m.

WATT—December 16, 1923, at his residence, Dormanston, Co Meath, Andrew Watt, late of Drogheda, aged 74 years. Funeral to St. Mary's, Drogheda, this day (Tuesday) at 11 a.m. No flowers.

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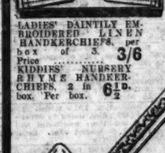

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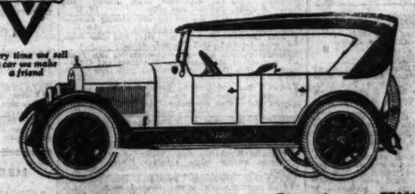

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MOTOR NOTES: FOUR-WHEEL BRAKES.

(By Our Motoring Correspondent.)

The four-wheeled brakes have proved their worth, and I venture to predict that soon no car will be regarded as complete without them. At present, however, their efficiency is a source of danger—not to the cars that are equipped with them, but to other vehicles. It is not difficult to imagine circumstances in which a driver would be compelled to stop so suddenly that the driver of a following car equipped with ordinary brakes might find himself unable to avoid a collision. Fortunately, this difficulty can easily be overcome.

In Paris many private cars and the best of the taxi-cabs are fitted with a neat little device which warns all following cars to be on the alert for sudden stops. A well known British firm have followed this excellent example. All their cars are fitted with a red triangle—a recognised signal for road-users—bearing the words "front-wheel brakes" in white metal on the three sides of the triangle. This can be read at a distance of twenty yards. The signal is affixed to the offside mudguard in such a position that the side light of the tail lamp will illuminate it at night.

Useful Circulars.

Many young motor cyclists still regard the law with the utmost contempt, and thus bring a large body into bad repute. The youth who takes a delight in "doing forty" whenever he gets the chance, and pays no regard to the convenience of other road-users, is met only too frequently. Very often, too, the magistrates treat him with undue solicitude. No doubt his offences are the result of ignorance—ignorance of the law and ignorance of the ordinary courtesies of life—but that cannot be accepted as a valid excuse.

The English Auto-Cycle Union has just issued a brief note to its members, explaining the law as it relates to brakes, silencers, number plates, and lamps, and appealing to them to see that their machines are properly equipped in these respects, and to drive at all times with care and consideration for others. It would be well if the Irish motor cycling authorities should issue a circular to the same effect. The circular might not reach the black sheep directly, but in the course of time they would learn that the general body of motor cyclists had no sympathy for them.

While I am on the subject of circulars, I may mention that the Royal Scottish Automobile Club has arranged with local registration officials to issue with registration papers and drivers' licences a copy of the traffic signals which the drivers of all vehicles are supposed to use. Here Ireland might take a leaf from Scotland's book.

Cold Weather Tips.

The weather-wise say that we shall have a severe winter. It behoves us, therefore, to make preparations to meet it. The recent cold snap caught many motorists napping, and some, who simply treat a car as something to travel in, were annoyed and surprised at the inconvenience it caused them. They had nothing but their own carelessness to blame. They were either running on summer oil, or, where they lacked other means of heating the garage, they had neglected to invest in a radiator lamp or had not run the water out of the radiator overnight. The results, of course, were that they had difficulty in getting the engine to start "the morning after the night before," and their batteries were well-nigh exhausted.

Some owner-drivers never can grasp the fact that self-starters must be used intelligently. They persist in pressing the button until the motor refuses to work, and then begin to doubt the efficiency of the electrical equipment, the soundness of the car, and generally to have a bad time. They never pause to reflect that they have been using a heavy grade oil, that the cold has congealed it, and that, therefore, they have been requiring the self-starters, not only to turn over the cylinders, but to overcome the resistance of a thick mass of oil. Let motorists remember that every application of current for starting the engine in cold weather makes a heavy drain on the battery, and that recharging takes time, and there will be fewer complaints. Let them remember also that a little healthy exercise in the way of hand-starting will do them no harm occasionally. Filling up the radiator with hot water will reduce the labour.

Balloon Tyres.

The balloon tyre was one of the most interesting exhibits at Olympia, and to-day it probably is the most discussed component in the motor world. British, French, Italian, and German manufacturers are all trying to persuade motorists to use this super-tyre. There can be no doubt that it gives extra comfort, but other matters about which there is room for doubt must be taken into consideration. The effect on petrol consumption, speed, skidding, and safety are questions which require answers, which can be given only by official and searching tests. We have been urged for years to keep our tyres well inflated, on the ground that the lessened tyre area in contact with the road means lessened friction and a corresponding reduction in fuel consumption. We have learned by experience that our cars will coast further when the tyres are hard.

It is natural, therefore, that some of us should be dubious about the balloon tyre, which offers about 50 per cent. more surface in contact with the road than does the ordinary tyre.

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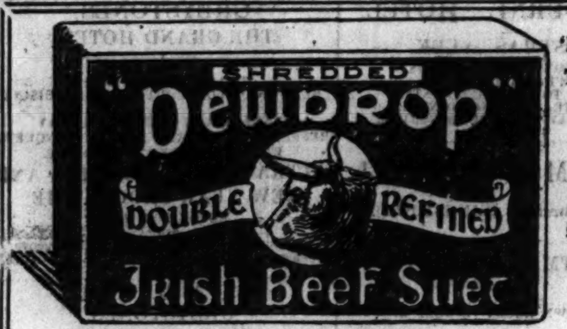

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WOMAN AND HER HOME.

THINGS THAT ARE NOT SO.

"FOLKS think things that aren't so," says the cheery fellow without imagination or understanding, when he hears of omens and superstitions or visitations and apparitions not of this world.

Even Addison, with all his insight, wrote with contempt of the man whose night's rest was spoilt by the shooting of a star, and says that he has "seen a man in love grow pale and lose his appetite upon the plucking of a merrythought." He was, perhaps, right when he wrote of "the evils which attend these superstitious follies of mankind"; but are they all "follies"? We cannot be sure of that, not yet, while in the flesh.

Those whose business in life brings them near to the great mother, Nature, are the men who have from all time been the most susceptible to the fear of the unknown, unseen world which is about us, and of which only some are even partly conscious. Sailors have always been superstitious, and portents and omens to them were of vast importance. It is not strange that this should be so. A long voyage on silent, lonely seas brings the unseen nearer and the fear of the supernatural to become a more vital thing.

Some of the superstitions of the sailors are founded on beliefs old as the hills. They thought women "unlucky" on sailing ships; and the reason was that witches were supposed to bring storms and tempests by the raising of a finger, and who could tell that any woman was not a witch? Lawyers and the clergy were equally unpopular on board a sailing ship—no one knows why. Some of the sailors' superstitions and beliefs linger still in these enlightened days. There is always, even with the educated modern sailor-man, a strong feeling as to the good or ill luck attached to the name of a ship, and no one can deny that curious things have happened when the name of a ship has been changed.

Those with insight who live in wild and lonely places, who hold communion with mountains or desert wastes; those who work in the lonely fields or explore vast tropical forests, are all prone to a half-acknowledged fear of what is not within the bounds of reason and practical knowledge. Logic does not help them; "seeing is believing" has little meaning for them; the eyes of the spirit "see," and instinct tells them that "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy."

> Like one that on a lonesome road
> Doth walk in fear and dread;
> And, having once turn'd round, walks on,
> And turns no more his head;
> Because he knows a frightful fiend
> Doth close behind him tread.

We hear a great deal of the sub-conscious mind just now. Can this part of our mental being be partly responsible for the fear of "things that be not"?

The bravest men and women physically often are haunted by a fear that they cannot define, and it is not always the fear of an actual visitation from a departed spirit; indeed, such natures sometimes would welcome gladly the return to earth of some one dearly loved who has gone before.

It may be that it is evil, unseen but present—an inheritance from long-past ages—which is the cause of this vague fear.

Pan, chief of the satyrs, was associated with lonely places, and many a shepherd or traveller believed in those old classic days that he had seen Pan and knew that dire misfortune would surely follow. The fear of trees was felt in the past, too; they were inhabited by dryads and malevolent spirits, enemies of men; and vast forests will always cause a certain fear.

All our thoughts and surmises about the supernatural are confused, and what is merely foolish superstition is merged into what are strange and mysterious facts that cannot be denied.

Charles Lamb, in his "Witches and Other Night Fears," says that it is not bodily injury that is feared by those who are conscious of the supernatural. "These terrors are of older standing," he affirms; "they date beyond body, or without the body they would have been the same; this kind of fear is, indeed, purely spiritual." Dear Charles Lamb! he could never be serious for long; he goes on to say: "My night fancies have ceased to be afflictive; I confess an occasional nightmare, but I do not, as in early youth, keep a stud of them."

C. E. T.

THE HOUSEWIFE HERSELF.

THE single-handed or otherwise over-worked housewife needs to study all means of keeping herself in a fit state to cope with her many and various duties. Unfortunately, she is often so occupied with the cares of her household that she does not give sufficient attention to her own well-being, and is consequently over-fatigued and "nervy" at the end of day. This is not wise, and it is worth while studying means of reducing fatigue whenever possible.

One of the chief causes of nerve rack in the home is lack of order and planning of work. Each day's work should be thought out beforehand and a time table made. Only by this means is it possible to fit in the various tasks in the best order, and thus prevent overlapping and overcrowding.

A study should also be made of the methods of work employed, and an unsatisfactory method changed to a better one wherever feasible.

It is most important that a house-worker should have sufficient outdoor exercise, especially such as will develop the leg muscles. However tired she may feel after her day's work, the housewife should not succumb to the temptation to rest all her spare time. Rest is essential, but so is outdoor exercise, which not only offers her a change of scene, and thus a mental rest, but which develops her physically, so as to enable her to better withstand the strain of her work.

The practice of deep breathing is of the very greatest help to the easily tired worker, as the increased oxygen thus drawn in invigorates the nervous system.

The power to relax is a habit which every home-maker should acquire. Relaxation consists of making the body limp and letting go of the tension of both muscles and nerves. At the same time, tension should also be released in order that perfect rest may take place. Very few people understand the art of relaxation, and at first it is necessary to watch oneself in order to be sure that there is no tightening up of any muscles or nerves. This is the only way to rest properly.

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FOR THE COOK.

VEAL CROQUETTES WITH FRIED BACON.

Ingredients.—*Half pound veal (cold), quarter pound cooked ham, four ounces stale bread, half teaspoonful finely-shredded lemon rind, a pinch of dried herbs, a dessertspoonful ketchup, one egg, and rashers of bacon.*

Method.—*Cut the veal, ham and bread into small pieces, mix with them the lemon rind, herbs and ketchup, seasoning with salt and pepper. Mix well, put through a mincing machine, bind with a well-beaten egg, form into croquettes, flour them, and leave for an hour. Coat with egg and breadcrumbs, and fry in boiling fat. Drain well, serve on a very hot dish, and garnish with fried bacon.*

BEEF RECHAUFFE.

Ingredients. — *Three-quarter pound cooked beef, two ounces butter, one dessertspoon parsley, pepper and salt, one dessertspoon lemon juice, one gill stock or gravy, two tablespoons breadcrumbs.*

Method.—*Cut the meat into very thin slices. Beat the butter to a cream with a wooden spoon, add the parsley and seasoning, then the lemon juice by degrees. Spread a little of the mixture on each slice of meat, and arrange in a greased dish. Heat the stock and pour it over, sprinkling the breadcrumbs on top. Bake in a hot oven for ten minutes—no longer, or the meat will dry and toughen. Serve with baked potatoes.*

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BARONESS PUDDING.

Ingredients.—*Half ounce breadcrumbs, four ounces raisins, three ounces suet, one ounce flour, a little grated nutmeg, one lemon rind, one and a half ounces sugar, one egg, and a little milk.*

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The present state of the House was reported as follows:—

		Beneavin.		
No. of patients in Hospital on the 31st October, 1923	104	5	109	
Admitted during the month of November, 1923	175	16	191	
				300
Died	8	—	8	
Discharged cured	156	10	166	
				174
Remaining in Hospital 30th November, 1923	115	11	126	

The accounts for supplies to the Hospital during the month were examined and paid.

The Medical Superintendent reported that last month was a busy one. 175 patients were admitted into the Hospital and 16 into Beneavin Convalescent Home. Diphtheria was very prevalent and active in type. Scarlatina showed a decline, as is usual at this time of the year. Pneumonia and enteric were also prevalent. Measles and chicken-pox and erysipelas contributed a fair share of cases.

E. Gaynor Goodbody and Major V. J. Kelly were appointed Visiting Governors for the current month.

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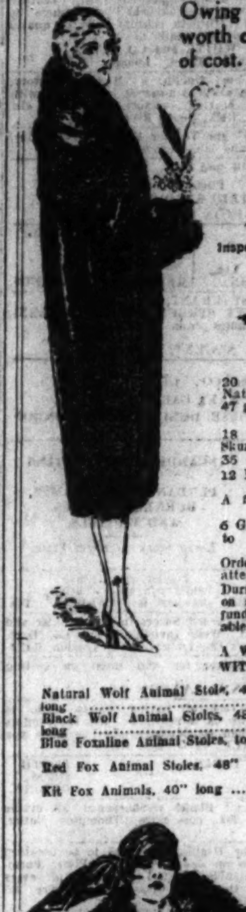

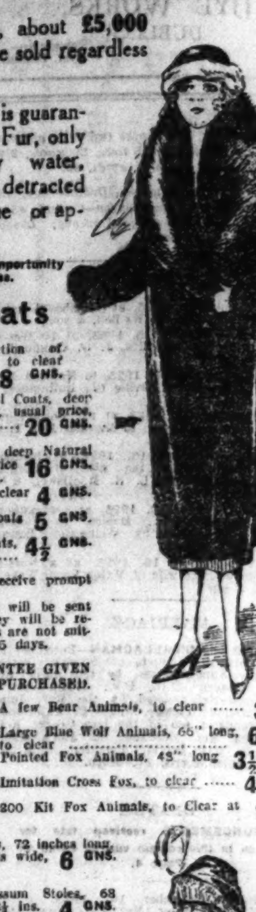

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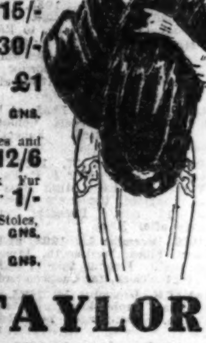

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FOREIGN MAILS.

POSTING DAYS IN DUBLIN AND BELFAST.

Correspondence should be posted in time for the evening mails to London on the days given below:—

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay:—	
By Dutch packet	Dec. 18
By Donaldson Line	Dec. 20
Ascension and St. Helena: Direct	Jan. 1
Australia: Letters and postcards only: Via Suez	Dec. 19
Bahamas: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Belgian Congo: By Belgian packet	Dec. 23
Bermuda: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Brazil (all parts): By Dutch packet	Dec. 18
Do. (Ceara, etc.): By Booth	Dec. 19
Do. (Bahia): By Lamport	Dec. 20
Do. (Rio, Santos): By Ital. pkt.	Dec. 23
British Honduras and Turk's Is.: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Canada (incl. Mag. Post): Direct	Dec. 19
Do. (Mag. Post only): Direct	Dec. 20
Canary Is.: By Union Castle	Dec. 19
Central America (excl. Panama and Costa Rica), Cuba, and Mexico: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Ceylon: Via Suez	Dec. 19
China (all parts): Via Siberia	Dec. 20
Do. (Hong Kong and S. China): Via Suez	Dec. 19
Do.: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Do. (Shanghai and N. China): Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Do.: Via Suez	Dec. 26
Colombia (Pac. Coast), Chile, Panama, Bolivia, and Peru: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Do. (excl. Pac Coast): Direct	Dec. 20
Costa Rica: Direct	Dec. 21
Do.: Via N.Y.	Dec. 27
Dutch East Indies: By P. and O.	Dec. 19
East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Zanzibar): By P. and O.	Dec. 19
Ecuador: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Egypt, Cyprus, and Palestine: By P. and O.	Dec. 19
French Congo and Senegal: By E.D.	Dec. 27
Gambia: By E.D.	Dec. 27
Guiana (Br., Fr., and Du.): By Dutch packet	Dec. 20
Do.: By French packet	Dec. 23
India, Aden, Irak, Persia, and Seychelles: Via Marseilles	Dec. 19
Ivory Coast: By E.D.	Dec. 27
Jamaica: Direct	Dec. 20
Japan: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Liberia: By E.D.	Dec. 23
Madeira: By Union-Castle	Dec. 19
Mauritius: Via Durban	Dec. 19
Mesopotamia (Baghdad) and Persia (as far as Bushire): By Air Mail	Dec. 26
Newfoundland (excl. Mag. Post): Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
New Zealand (letters and postcards only): Via Suez	Dec. 19
Panama: By P.S.N.	Dec. 18
Sierra Leone: By E.D.	Dec. 23
South Africa, Nyasaland, etc.: Direct	Dec. 19
Straits Settlements, Siam, French Indo-China, North Borneo, etc.: Via Suez	Dec. 19
United States: By White Star	Dec. 20
Venezuela: Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Do.: By Dutch packet	Dec. 30
West Coast of Africa (see also Gambia, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone): By E.D.	Dec. 23
West Indies (Leeward Islands): Via N.Y.	Dec. 20
Do. (Barbados, etc.): By Dutch packet	Dec. 20

INWARD.

The following mails were received in London yesterday:—South Africa and Madeira, by ss. Windsor Castle. Australia, India, Egypt, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, China, etc., by ss. Malwa. Argentina and Brazil, by ss. Demerara. Canada and Newfoundland, by ss. Doric.

Due Friday:—U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and North China, Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico and Central America, Panama and West Coast of South America and West Indies, by ss. George Washington. Dutch East Indies, by ss. Grotius.

Saturday:—Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria and Liberia, by ss. Aba.

Monday:—Air mail from Mesopotamia (Baghdad) and Persia (as far as Bushire).

ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL.

The Board of Directors of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital met on Friday, the 14th inst.—Mr. Joseph X. Murphy in the chair. Also present:—William Beckett, Esq.; H. A. Vernon, Esq.; Seton Pringle, Esq., F.R.C.S.; T. R. M'Cullagh, Esq.; Myles Keogh, Esq., T.D., L.R.C.S.I.; V. M. Synge, Esq., M.D.; the Right Hon. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., P.C., D.L.; G. Jameson-Johnston, Esq., M.A., F.R.C.S.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were read and signed, also the minutes of the Weekly, Special Finance, Finance, Nursing and Ladies' Committees.

The thanks of the Board was unanimously tendered to Messrs. O'Hagan and Son, solicitors, for the sum of £200 received in the estate of Thomas Leonard, D.L., deceased.

Mr. Richard H. Sheil and Mr. John Leonard were unanimously elected Life Governors of the Hospital, they being executors in the estate of Thomas Leonard, D.L., deceased.

The unanimous thanks of the Directors was also tendered to Messrs. Andrews, Barret and Wilkinson, solicitors, Weymouth, for the sum of £100 received in the estate of Elizabeth Kenny, deceased.

The Finance Committee reported that the overdraft at the bank on the 1st December, 1923, was £4,641.

The Matron begs to offer her most sincere thanks for the following gifts received during the month of November:—Empty bottles, Miss Jones; papers, Mrs. Joy; papers, Brighton Road Wesley Guild, per Miss Cooke; fruit and flowers, Harvest Festival, Sandymount Methodist Church; fruit and flowers, Harvest Festival, Abbey Street Methodist Church; plants, Miss Parsons; flowers, Mrs. M'Bride; papers, E. H. Wilson; books and toys, Rev. M. Harvey; books, British Red Cross Society; one load of peat for garden, Turraun Peat Works; flowers, Mrs. Wisdom Hely; papers, Mrs. Synge; papers, Mrs. Spencer Sheil.

The Resident Medical Officer reported that during the month of November 113 patients were admitted, the number remaining in the Hospital at the end of the month being 98. There were 1,351 attendances at the general and special dispensaries, and 395 accident and emergency cases were dealt with during the month.

Visitors will be shown over the Hospital any afternoon.

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Two Australian ex-soldiers, Mr. P. B. Hudson and Mr. J. H. Wardrop, both of Melbourne, are the winners of the prize of £1,000 offered for the best design for the Victorian National War Memorial.

MOTOR MATTERS, BICYCLES, &c.

MOTOR CARS.

CHEVROLET, CALCOTT, and Cluley Cars, from £190, plus carriage. Agents: Wallen, Trinity st. Garage. X

AT Woods', Westland Row—B.S.A. Cars now further reduced, £205. T

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SECONDHAND CARS FOR SALE:—
1923 Oakland Westminster Touring £350
Wolseley Landaulette £225
1920 Six Cylinder Buick Touring £180
1924 Long Doc Peugeot (run 560 miles) £380
1923 Peugeot Quad self starter, run 400 miles £180
25/50 1920 Talbot Saloon Coupe (run 15,000 miles) £400
LINCOLN AND NOLAN,
37-38 LOWER BAGGOT STREET, DUBLIN. T

1924 PRICES
8 H.P. ROVER CARS.
2-SEATER (with Dickey Seat) or "CHUMMY" (seating 3 adults) £139
4-SEATER (seating 4 adults) (Delivery at Works) £145
THE ROVER COMPANY, LTD.,
16 LORD EDWARD ST., DUBLIN. T

STONELEIGH 9 h.p. CAR, £200. With Starter.
LEINSTER MOTOR WORKS, Fitzgibbon street, Dublin. 12 X

CITROEN 1922 11.4 Four Seater, English body, dynamo and self starter, as new, £235; Le Zebre Two Seater, dynamo, self starter, 1922, £135; Alldays 10 Two Seater, 1920, dynamo lighting, 4 cylinder, new condition, £100; Morris Oxford Two Seater, £85; Dodge Five Seater, 1915, £65; Ford Two Seater, grand order, £55; Perry 8 h.p., detachable and spare wheel, requires slight repairs, £35.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 17 X

CARS—New Models of "Humber," "Dunant," "Beardmore," and "Essex" in stock; inspection invited; demonstrations and trials arranged.—Keating's Motor Works, Lower Abbey street, Dublin. X

DEFERRED Payments—Financial assistance given to reliable purchasers of Motor Cars; immediate delivery; all makes supplied, except Fords.—D 1366, this office. 15 D

FOR all Motor Body Work and Painting—The City Wheel and Carriage Works, Ltd., Great Brunswick street, Dublin. 10 T

FOR Sale 1912 15.9 Roober Schneider Landaulette, 4 seats and 2 occasional seats, luggage rack on top and behind, C.A.V. lighting set, in good condition, never having been extensively driven.—Address "Z 3123, Motor," this office. 12 6

FOR Sale, Two Seater A.B.C. Car, 1923 Model, self starter, electric lighting, dickey seat, etc.; nearly new, only done 500 miles. Address "Z 3287, Motor," this office. 8 13

FORD Tourer, 1920, electric lighting, starter, good tyres; £80 or nearest offer.—D 1386, this office. 15 D

FORD Coupé, 1923, used by a doctor a few months only, as new, £125.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 17 X

FIAT Taxi, 12/14, good order, tax paid, £85.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 17 X

ACCESSORIES, TYRES, ETC.

5 DUNLOP Detachable Wheels, fitted Fisk tyres, 30 x 3½, complete, off 1924 Overland de Luxe; little if required; all brand new, just used from works; bargain, prompt purchaser; sell Wheels separately. Offers. Address "Z 3376, Parts," this office. 16 D

MOTOR CYCLES.

"A1" CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Make a selection from our huge stock of Sunbeams, New Imperials, Diamonds, P. and M., Humbers, and Rovers; Accessories in great variety. Inspection invited.—Warte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street, off Grafton street. T

ASTOUNDING Value—2½ £47 10/-, 3½ £59 10/-, 4½ £64 10/-, 6 Twin £73.—Woods, Westland Row. T

A.J.S. and Triumph Motor Cycles—Wallen, Trinity Street Garage. T

ADVANCES on Motor Bikes, Cars, Jewels.—German, Pawnbroker, Winetavern st. (opposite Four Courts); new garage. T

RALEIGH MOTOR CYCLES, 1924. Prices from £47 to £95. For particulars, apply to their main agents, JOHN HUTTON AND SONS, LTD., 115 SUMMERHILL. T

B.S.A. Combination, 4¼, three speed; perfect condition.—D 1385, this office. 15 D

BEST value in the Free State—2¾ 3 speed New Hudson at £65, duty free; fully equipped. Agent, Henry, Molesworth place. 17 T

DIAMOND 2½ 2 stroke, 1923, £20; Levis 2½, £18; New Imperial 2¼ 1920, £20; Royal Ruby 8 Jap 1920 Combination, £46; Douglas 2¾ 2 speed, £18.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 17 X

FOR Sale, B.S.A. Combination, 1916 model (Sidecar 1920), only run 6,000 miles, owing to owner's absence abroad; excellent condition; overhauled and re-enamelled last year; £60 or nearest offer. Seen any time, Willow Lodge, Booterstown.

MOTOR Cycle for Sale, almost new, bargain, £40. Apply Ardlece, Meath road, Bray. 17 E

1922 3½ SPORTS Cheapside-J.A.P., close ratio, 4·4 amps, horn, etc.; very powerful; 60 gns. Seen 45 Ailesbury road. 17 D

1923 JAMES, 3½, seven months old, three speed, mechanical lubrication, car type brakes, enclosed valves, quick detachable wheel, spring footboards, knee grips and horn; cost £68, plus duty; price £45.—O'Donnell, 172 Pembroke road, Ballsbridge. 15 D

£26, or nearest offer, 1916 Douglas 2¾, complete; Tax Paid; Just been overhauled. Address "Z 3404, Douglas," this office. 17 C

LORRIES, VANS, MOTOR AND STEAM HAULAGE.

FORD Ton Truck for Sale, in perfect condition. To be seen at O'Brien's Garage, Terenure. T

FOR Hire, 1 Ton Lorry, by hour, day or week. Apply George Connolly, 77 Parnell street. 14 C

FORD Van for Sale.—O'Connell's Garage, 33 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin.

FORD Van for Hire, with or without driver.—O'Connell, 33 Fitzwilliam square.

FOR Sale, Ford Motor Van, in good order, price 50 guineas. Apply Goff's, Auctioneers, Newbridge. 17 D

WILLYS Lorry, 30 cwt., perfect order; any trial; £85.—McDonnell's Garage, 82 Haddington road. 17 X

BICYCLES.

"A1"—NEW 1924 Models—Sunbeams from 15 guineas, Sparkbrooks from 7 guineas, Centaurs from £7 15/-, B.S.A. from £9 15/-; a few 1923 Soiled Models reduced previous to stocktaking; easy payments arranged.—Warte Bros., Ltd., Lemon st., off Grafton street. T

BICYCLES for Xmas Presents—Rudge-Whitworth "Standard" from £7, now available; the finest value ever offered. "De Luxe" and "Aero Specials" on view at 1 Stephen's Green. Catalogues free. Inspection invited. X

GENT'S Raleigh Bicycle, 26in., perfectly new condition. Address "Z 3320, Bicycle," this office. 12 D

HUMBERS, Raleighs, Swifts, from £7 7/-; extraordinary value.—Price Brothers, Chatham st. (immediately off Grafton street). 12 6

JUVENILE Cycles, Boys' and Girls', £5 15/-.—Kelly's, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. Great value. 16 30

CHAUFFEURS, MECHANICS.

WANTED.

CHAUFFEUR Mechanic—Good General Man required for garage in country town; must be good driver and capable of repairs; send copy references and state wages. Address "Z 3381, Chauffeur," this office. 16 D

CHAUFFEURS CONTINUED.

DISENGAGED.

CHAUFFEUR, disengaged; six years' experience of all makes of cars; highest reference.—D 1424, this office. 17 E

SITUATIONS VACANT.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND.

WANTED,

Four competent Men for employment as Electric Cranemen. Must have had previous experience of this work. Apply, with references and full particulars, including age, to the Chief Engineer's Office, Broadstone Station, Dublin. 14 B

THE HOUSE OF RECOVERY AND FEVER HOSPITAL, CORK STREET, DUBLIN.

HOUSEKEEPER and LAUNDRY SUPERINTENDENT WANTED; must have been trained in Cookery. Salary £72 per annum; no uniform.

Applications, with copies of testimonials, to be sent to the Lady Superintendent, from whom all particulars may be obtained. X

LEADING BELFAST PICTURE HOUSE REQUIRES VIOLINIST (LEADER). Reply, in confidence, giving full particulars, etc., to Box No. 1210, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 14 B

ABANDON Unemployment—Atlantic College, 45-47 Henry street, Dublin—Beginners' Classes in Wireless, Electrical Engineering, P.O., Cable Telegraphy, Broadcasting, commence January 9th. Illustrated Prospectus sixpence.—M. M. Fitzgerald, A.M.I.E.E., Principal.

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ACCOUNTANT Wanted, experienced, hard worker; whole time. Address "Z 3373, Assistant," this office. 15 D

AGRICULTURAL Implements and Machinery—Opening for intelligent, well educated Lad with one or two years' experience; must write good commercial hand and be quick at figures; state age, with copies references.—D 1455, this office. 17 E

CARDER Wanted. Address, giving particulars of experience, age, and wages required, "Z 3358, Carder," this office. 14 C

CUTTER—Firm of good standing requires the services of a first class Coat Cutter, accustomed to handling high class of work; able to turn out a fair amount of trade; age 35 to 40; salary not so much a consideration as acknowledged ability; applications, which should contain full particulars of past and present experience, age, etc., will be treated in strictest confidence. Address "Cutter," Wilson, Porteous and Co., Advertising Agents, Glasgow.

CARETAKER Wanted—County Dublin Golf Club requires Caretaker, to undertake catering. Reply immediately, with fullest particulars, D 1443, this office.

CAPABLE Male Clerk Wanted, 18-20 years; shorthand typist essential. Reply, stating experience and salary required, D 1462, this office. 17 E

DEMOBILISED soldiers and Beginners—Your living guaranteed. Start your own Drapery Business; little capital required. Write for catalogue and advice.—B. Lerner, Dept. B, 148 ..., London, E.1. X

DOMESTICATED Help Wanted, with small family, Sandycove; house more object. Address "Z 3390, Help," this office. 17 C

SITUATIONS CONTINUED.

DENTAL Surgeon (Belfast) is willing to take and train a clever, well educated Girl as Surgery Assistant; Church of Ireland. Southerner preferred. Address Box No. 1209, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast.

GROCERY Assistant, Protestant, male or female; state age and salary expected (indoor). Address "Z 3306, Assistant," this office. 12 X

HARDWARE Chinaware—Female Assistant Wanted; state terms, reference, age, etc.—F 86, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire. 17 E

HOUSEKEEPER—Wanted by business man (widower), for private residence, Co. Wexford, Lady (I.C.) to take entire charge of house and two boys, youngest aged six. Address, stating terms, qualifications, age, etc., "Z 3402, Housekeeper," this office. 17 C

JUNIOR Assistant Wanted after Xmas, Haberdashery Dept., provincial town; Protestant; enclose copies references, state age, experience, salary (indoor). Address "Z 3403, Junior," this office. 17 E

LADY Housemaids Wanted for city nursing home.—D 1387, this office. 16 B

LADY Collectors Wanted for city; first class references required.—D 1435, this office.

NORTH Circular road—Advertisements for this Paper received by Mr. Lonergan, Newsagent and Confectioner, Ye Olde Tolle House, Phoenix Park Gate, North Circular road. X

PAPER Bag and Printing Trade—City Firm require capable Charge Hand for Warehouse; knowledge of printing and costing essential.—D 1440, this office. 17 C

USEFUL Help Wanted (Protestant), one lady, country; good home; £20. Address "Z 3329, Help," this office. 13 B

WANTED for high class Grocery and Provision Trade, Bookkeeper and Cashier. Send copies of references, stating salary expected indoor.—Wisdom, Kilkenny. 15 B

WANTED, trustworthy Protestant Girl to assist, country Sub Office and General Store; state salary, send copies references. Address "Z 3319, Girl," this office. 13 B

WANTED, early January, Mother's Help, refined Lady, R.C.; two children (first lessons), help with baby; send reference, state age and salary required. Address "Z 3332, Help," this office. 13 C

WANTED, experienced Shorthand Typist (Smith Premier), with knowledge of bookkeeping. Apply 23 Dawson street. 15 D

YOUNG Ladies Wanted as Probationer Nurses for Private Hospital in Dublin; salary £25.—D 1383, this office. 16 B

MONEY, PARTNERSHIPS, ETC.

LOANS—The Commercial Union Loan and Discount Co., Ltd., 57 Middle Abbey st., Dublin, grant Loans. Apply the Manager. 26 24

LOANS—North Dublin T. A. Loan Fund Society, 2 Gardiner's Row. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications for membership and loans received by Secretary, from whom full particulars may be obtained. Interest from 5½d. to the £. 12 7

WANTED by person in responsible position, Loan of £200 at 6 per cent interest, repayable in instalments of £50 and interest. Address "Z 3334, Loan," this office. 13 B

WANTED, a Loan £5 by householder; policy £4 10/- security.—D 1379, this office.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS. OFFICIALS, SERVANTS, ETC.

POSITIONS VACANT.

HOUSE Parlourmaid R.C. Wanted as Waitress for country hotel; remuneration good. Apply, with copies references, "Z 3321, House Parlourmaid," this office. 13 B

REQUIRED, early in January, thoroughly experienced Linenkeeper for country hotel; reply with full particulars and salary required. Address "Z 3388, Linenkeeper," this office.

WANTED, two Maids, Hotel Chambermaid, other used at table, and help generally. Apply, with references, to Mrs. Beades, 9 Mountjoy square; wages £20, starting. 14 C

HOTEL EMPLOYES CONTINUED.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

APPLY—Hotel Staffs, men, women, all capacities, disengaged—Kennedy's, 68 Eccleville street.

HOTEL Manageress wishes reengagement; long experience; thoroughly capable in all branches. Address "Z 3377, Manageress," this office. 16 B

LADY seeks position in hotel, Manageress, Housekeeper, Books; experienced.—D 1392, this office. 17 C

WAITRESS or Housemaid Waitress; hotel in city preferred.—D 1417, this office.

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED

For Agricultural Seed Firm. Preference given to those already representing manufacturers of feeding stuffs or fertilisers. Liberal terms to men of good connection and first class ability.

Only applications from men attending fairs and with established connection amongst farmers will be considered. Address "Z 3057, Agents," this office. 23 4

ALIVE Representative Wanted to cover Southern and Northern Ireland; must have sound connection among Haberdashery and Hardware Merchants (Wholesale and Retail), to carry Suspenders and Cotton House-maid Gloves. Apply, particulars, between 12 and 2 p.m. to-day only, Estcourt, Regent Hotel, D'Olier street.

AGENT Wanted for well known German Pencil Maker. Fullest particulars to Box B 712, Irish Times Branch Office, 59 Fleet st., London.

AGENT required for Dublin by old established London Mantle and Costume Manufacturers; wholesale only; must have good and live connection. Apply Box B 711, Irish Times Branch Office, 59 Fleet st., London, E.C. 4.

SALESMAN Wanted, smart, with good connection Ironmongers, Gas Companies, Gasfitters, and Hardware Trades for the Sale of Gas Mantles. Liberal commission. Apply Box 422, W. H. Smith and Son, Strand House, London, W.C. 12 B

WANTED for West of Ireland, young, energetic Traveller, with thorough knowledge of Provision and Grocery Trades; applicants must furnish details of past and present employment, giving copies of testimonials, also state salary required. Address "Z 3362, Traveller," this office. 15 C

WANTED, Agent, with sound connection in Ireland, for the Sale of Ladies' Bags, Purses, and Fancy Leather Goods, etc., to the retail, on commission basis, to represent a well established English House; state full particulars. Address "Z 3369, Agents," this office. 15 D

AGENCIES AND SITUATIONS WANTED.

CAPABLE and experienced Gentleman, age thirty, desires to Represent Wholesale Drapery Warehouse, Dublin or South of Ireland; excellent references. Address "Z 3386, Representatives," this office. 17 E

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

WANTED, for country Solicitor's Office, an experienced Typist, with good knowledge of bookkeeping and shorthand. Reply, with testimonials, to "Z 3380, Typist," this office. C

WANTED by Firm of Dublin Solicitors, experienced Costs Drawer in all branches; good opening for a capable man. Reply, with copies of testimonials, stating salary expected, D 1427, this office. 17 C

WANTED, Solicitor to take over Practice in Western town; Sale or Partnership considered; splendid opportunity. Address "Z 3399, Solicitor," this office. 17 D

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT, eight years' experience, desires Part Time, city; first class references; available January 1st; terms. Address "Z 3333, Assistant," this office. 13 B

A PHARMACEUTICAL Chemist of long experience seeks a position as Manager or Senior; Dublin; outdoor; salary moderate.—D 1377, this office. 16 D

CHEMIST, 14 years' experience, city, country, seeks appointment. Address "Z 3225, Chemist," this office. 9 X

FOR Sale, Pump, Dental Chair, Surgery Work Cabinet, Forceps, and other Instruments; to be seen in Dublin.—D 1374, this office. 15 D

QUALIFIED Assistant (lady), five years' experience, desires vacancy in Dublin or suburbs. Address "Z 3375, Assistant," this office. 16 B

TRAINED Nurses Wanted immediately, South Wales, Co-op. system. Apply Matron, Brynawyn, Newport, Mon. 24 7

YOUNG Lady, matriculated, good appearance, address and social standing, wishes to be Apprenticed (indoor) to Chemist (Dublin or Midlands). Address "Z 3379, Apprentice," this office. 16 B

TUITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

ALL Professional and University Prelims., Oral and Correspondence. Success list free.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Seckville street, Dublin. T

CERTIFICATED Lady Teacher, R.C., with English High School experience, desires Tuitions, English, French, Latin, mathematics, music.—E O 944, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

DRAWING and Painting Lessons given, teacher's house, Rathmines.—D 1382, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 14 C

SHORTHAND, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, etc.—Metropolitan College (Gillespie's), 100 Lower Mount st. 'Phone 3053. T

TYPEWRITING, Shorthand, Bookkeeping—Day and Evening Classes.—Miss Regan's, 11 Nassau street. 17 F

GOVERNESSES AND TUTORS WANTED.

AGENT FOR GOVERNESSES AND SCHOOLS.—Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Advises Parents and Managers. Tel. No. 5253. T

MALE SERVANTS CONTINUED.

STUDENT, living in country, requires Tuition, four hours daily, in advanced Latin, from December 29th to January 12th; board found. Address, stating terms, "Z 3367, Tuition," this office. 15 D

WANTED, in January, Assistant Mistress for Resident Girls' School. Specialist in French and German essential. Also Assistant Mistress for Elocution, Dancing, English, French. Address "Z 3381, Mistress," this office. 14 C

WANTED, Nursery Governess or Mother's Help, Protestant educated and refined, one boy of five; country; state age, salary expected, references.—Mrs. Garvey, Murrisk Abbey, Westport. 15 B

WANTED, Protestant Governess, two children, town, Co. Kildare; state age, salary, reference, etc. Address "Z 3374, Governess," this office. 16 D

WANTED, young Lady, Nursery Governess for boy 7 years old; needlewoman, help light duties; January.—Mrs. Norman Neale, Kilmastin, Foxrock. 17 E

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

A SHORTHAND Typist, not afraid of work; printing office routine, advertising, accounts; good knowledge of Irish.—D 1447, this office. 17 C

A CONSTABULARY Man desires position of Trust, clerical work, timekeeper, etc.; married, age 26; good testimonials. Address "Z 3395, Employment," this office. 17 E

FIRST class Housekeeper disengaged January; R.C.; go one or two gentlemen, or Cook; good wages expected; Dublin or suburbs preferred. Address "Z 3384, Housekeeper," this office. 17 E

GENTLEMAN desires post as Manager or Buyer of Drapery, Dublin or provinces; Irish and cross-Channel experience; excellent references. Address "Z 3385, Manager," this office. 17 E

HARDWARE—Young Man seeks position as Senior Assistant, having seven years' experience; Protestant; excellent references; Dublin preferred. Address "Z 3365, Assistant," this office. 15 D

INSURANCE—Experienced Gentleman seeks appointment Inspector or Senior Clerk; C.I.I. certificate; splendid testimonials.—D 1425, this office. 17 C

JUNIOR Shorthand Typist, Bookkeeper, seeks position; highly recommended.—D 1240, this office. 13 B

LADY desires post, Companion to lady or gentleman; good housekeeper; highest testimonials. Address "Z 3342, Lady," this office. 14 C

LADY desires position, Daily Useful Help; excellent cook; Protestant.—D 1443, this office.

LADY desires position Junior Clerk, wholesale firm; moderate salary. Address "Z 3397, Clerk," this office. 17 C

MAN, 36, well educated, requires employment; best references; T.T.; clerical or otherwise.—D 1448, this office. 17 E

PROTESTANT Mother's Help desires post immediately; would undertake all house work.—D 1373, this office. 15 B

RESPECTABLE Boy, leaving school, wishes to serve his time; trade immaterial.—D 1376, this office. 16 B

STENOGRAPHER—Young Lady desires position, high speed, shorthand typist, well educated, own typewriter; moderate terms; willing to work. Address "Z 3383, Typist," this office.

SHOP Assistant seeks position; four years' experience; highly recommended.—D 1238, this office. 13 B

WANTED, position of Hall Porter or Caretaker; good recommendations.—D 1381, this office. 13 B

YOUNG Man (B. Comm. Degree, N.U.I., with good knowledge of Accountancy, wishes to hear of a vacancy in City Accountant's Office; excellent testimonials.—D 1384, this office. 15 D

MALE SERVANT WANTED.

WANTED immediately, Indoor Manservant; wait table, etc.; indoor private house experience essential; wages £35; send copies discharges.—Prospect, Templeogue, Dublin. 17 E

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

WANTED, experienced Foreman; thorough knowledge bedding plants, chrysanthemums, roses, tomatoes; small Nursery, near Kildare; copies references, age, wages required. Address "Z 3354, Foreman," this office. 14 C

MALE STEWARDS DISENGAGED.

BUTLER and Valet; Protestant; wages £65; like job.—D 1445, this office.

MAN (Protestant) wants situation as General Man; care pony, work in garden; can milk; very obliging. Recommended by Rev. A. Graham, Keadue, Carrick-on-Shannon.

RETIRED Civil Servant seeks employment, Indoor Servant, Porter, Timekeeper, any position.—D 1421, this office.

TRAPPERS—Two Men disengaged; own gear; good reference.—Trappers, Crossconna, Borrisoleigh, Thurles. 14 6

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TENNIS Court Expert; all kinds of Gardening, Planting and Pruning; terms moderate; distance no object.—Horlis, 18 Ballsbridge avenue, Dublin. 13 B

DOMESTICS WANTED.

AT Mulpeter's, 11 South Anne st.—Wanted, 3 young Nurses, Cooks, several Generals, H'maids. 17 C

WANTED, Daily Help in house, young girl, immediately. Apply, before ten in morning or after six, to Mrs. Dove, 94 Merrion square. 17 C

WANTED, active Working Housekeeper; good cook, laundry, and sewing; keep house clean; country; must be a willing, agreeable person; suitable widow or elderly person; not suitable.—Box 253, Eason's Advertising Service, Dublin.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

WANTED for two in family, a respectable, strong, active, good tempered (Protestant), good Cook General; bread, cakes, butter; do own washing and rubbers; early riser; singlehanded; for quiet country place, Midlands. Reply, with copy references, stating age, wages, to Box 945, Eason's Advertising Service, Dublin. 15 D

WANTED, 1st January, Clonskeagh, by two ladies, nice Girl, about 16 or 17, for a few hours' daily work, morning and evening; plain cooking.—D 1409, this office.

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RESPECTABLE country Girl Wanted after Christmas; good plain cook; wash flannels; household help. Send copies to Mrs. W. Chichester, Dunlavin. 15 D

WANTED, Co. Wexford, experienced Cook General; small family, near town; house parlourmaid kept. Address "Z 3401, Cook," this office. 17 X

WANTED, Cook General, city; small family; second maid kept; good wages.—D 1458, this office.

GENERALS WANTED.

CAN lady recommend nice, trustworthy, young General; must be good housewoker; no cooking, no washing; good home; wages £20.—D 1387, this office. 15 D

EXPERIENCED General Servant Wanted after Christmas; Donnybrook; two in family.—D 1460.

GENERAL Wanted (indoor or outdoor), 15/- weekly; two ladies; steady young woman; copy references.—D 1279, this office. 14 C

WANTED, experienced General, small family; good wages.—Mrs. Gorman, 3 Lower Pembroke street. 14 C

WANTED immediately, experienced young General; early riser, fond of children, also Nurse for three children; must be well recommended; middle-aged. Apply Mrs. Davis, 25 Sandford road, Ranelagh. 15 B

WANTED, steady clean General, one lady; Greystones; £20.—D 1429, this office. 17 C

WANTED, experienced young General, 1st January; good plain cook; small washing. Call after six or write, stating age, wages, to Chasford, Kimmage road, Terenure. 17 C

WANTED, a superior young General Servant; plain cooking. Reply, with copies of references, D 1390, this office.

WANTED, a respectable girl, to train as General Servant; plain cooking; country girl preferred.—D 1391, this office. 17 E

WANTED, General for housework to 12 noon daily, Drumcondra vicinity; seven shillings weekly; reference (copies) required.—D 1446, this office. 17 F

WANTED, a young General. Apply after 6.30, Fleetbourton, St. Kevin's Park, Dartry road.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, five in family, housemaid kept, country place, County Waterford; wages £30; good references required. Address "Z 3390, House Parlourmaid," this office. 17 C

HOUSEMAID Wanted after Christmas, mornings, or 2 till 6; Donnybrook; 6/- weekly; Sundays excepted.—390, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street.

WANTED immediately, superior Girl to train as House Parlourmaid; under housemaid might suit; Meath. Address "Z 3372, Maid," this office. 15 D

WANTED after Christmas good House Parlourmaid where housemaid kept; small family.—Gibbings, Ballybrack House, Killiney. 17 C

WANTED, experienced young House Parlourmaid immediately, city doctor's house. Meet Lady, Irish Times Registry Office, Wednesday, 12 o'clock.

WANTED for city, young House Parlourmaid who understands her duties; good wages.—D 1457, this office.

WANTED, January, experienced House Parlourmaid. Apply Kills, Ramsgate, Gorey. 17 K

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INWARD.

The following mails were received in London yesterday:—South Africa and Madeira, by ss. Windsor Castle. Australia, India, Egypt, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, China, etc., by ss. Malwa. Argentina and Brazil, by ss. Demerara. Canada and Newfoundland, by ss. Doric.

Due Friday:—U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and North China, Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico and Central America, Panama and West Coast of South America and West Indies, by ss. George Washington. Dutch East Indies, by ss. Grotius.

Saturday:—Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria and Liberia, by ss. Aba.

Monday:—Air mail from Mesopotamia (Baghdad) and Persia (as far as Bushire).

ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL.

The Board of Directors of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital met on Friday, the 14th inst.—Mr. Joseph X. Murphy in the chair. Also present:—William Beckett, Esq.; H. A. Vernon, Esq.; Seton Pringle, Esq., F.R.C.S.; T. R. M'Cullagh, Esq.; Myles Keogh, Esq., T.D., L.R.C.S.I.; V. M. Synge, Esq., M.D.; the Right Hon. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., P.C., D.L.; G. Jameson-Johnston, Esq., M.A., F.R.C.S.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were read and signed, also the minutes of the Weekly, Special Finance, Finance, Nursing and Ladies' Committees.

The thanks of the Board was unanimously tendered to Messrs. O'Hagan and Son, solicitors, for the sum of £200 received in the estate of Thomas Leonard, D.L., deceased.

Mr. Richard H. Sheil and Mr. John Leonard were unanimously elected Life Governors of the Hospital, they being executors in the estate of Thomas Leonard, D.L., deceased.

The unanimous thanks of the Directors was also tendered to Messrs. Andrews, Barret and Wilkinson, solicitors, Weymouth, for the sum of £100 received in the estate of Elizabeth Kenny, deceased.

The Finance Committee reported that the overdraft at the bank on the 1st December, 1923, was £4,541.

The Matron begs to offer her most sincere thanks for the following gifts received during the month of November:—Empty bottles, Miss Jones; papers, Mrs. Joy; papers, Brighton Road Wesley Guild, per Miss Cooke; fruit and flowers, Harvest Festival, Sandymount Methodist Church; fruit and flowers, Harvest Festival, Abbey Street Methodist Church; plants, Miss Parsons; flowers, Mrs. M'Bride; papers, E. H. Wilson; books and toys, Rev. M. Harvey; books, British Red Cross Society; one load of peat for garden, Turraun Peat Works; flowers, Mrs. Wisdom Hely; papers, Mrs. Synge; papers, Mrs. Spencer Sheil.

The Resident Medical Officer reported that during the month of November 113 patients were admitted, the number remaining in the Hospital at the end of the month being 92. There were 1,351 attendances at the general and special dispensaries, and 390 accident and emergency cases were dealt with during the month.

Visitors will be shown over the Hospital any afternoon.

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DEATH OF ONE OF THE ACCUSED.

TORONTO, Monday.

The private secretary to Mr. Daly, President of the insolvent Home Bank of Canada, died suddenly this morning as the result of an accident.

He was one of those who were arrested last week in connection with the prosecution of the bank's directors and officials, whose trial is now pending, and had been admitted to bail.—(Reuter.)

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" AT KINGSTOWN.

Handel's "Messiah" was sung last night by the choir of the Mariners' Church, Kingstown. The soloists were Madame Borel, Mrs. A. E. Hughes, and Mr. John Gill and Mr. Wesley Guard, who are both vicars choral of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mr. H. Victor Love was the organist. Part I. of the Oratorio gave both soli and chorus a full opportunity of displaying their quality. Mr. Love's ability as an organist is now too well known, and it is almost unnecessary to say anything of the manner in which he acquitted himself of the various demands which were made upon his powers. The organ, both alone and as accompaniment to the choir and individual singers, was played by him in musicianly style, and always to the great pleasure of those who heard it. Madame Borel, who sang the soprano parts, was particularly successful in "Rejoice Greatly." Mrs. A. E. Hughes, the mezzo, sang with devotional charm. The tenor, Mr. John Gill, acquitted himself especially well in the aria: "Comfort ye." "The People that Walked in Darkness" aria was sung by the basso, Mr. Wesley Guard, with power. As a whole, the chorus and all concerned may take much pride in the quality of their performance.

DUBLIN THEATRES.

VARIETIES AND THE FIRST PANTOMIME.

Wal Langtry appears at the Theatre Royal with stories, told in his inimitable way. He mixes the new with the old, and the result is a first-class entertainment. J. A. Powers, a Scottish humorist, is a good eccentric dancer and musician, and he tells quite a long list of stories against his own countrymen, all perfectly harmless, but very much to the point. The De Serris Group perform a series of classical tableaux. Leah Victoria is a comedienne whose vivacious performance created much amusement. Beaucaire and Partner are good, silent comedy artists, as are the Ketos, whose funny antics and gymnastic feats went well. The Hayden-Herbert Four are good vocalists and dancers; and Woodward and Page gave an exhibition of cycling.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The Queen's Theatre has built up a good reputation for its pantomimes, and this year the standard is well maintained by "Cinderella," which began its season last night. The story is unusually well preserved, and goes with a great swing. The chorus work is well done, and there were specialities by the Lily Bell Troupe and the Four Nomads. The seven scenes include a transformation, which is well staged. Cinderella, played by Rosie Fitzgerald, is an attractive girl. The Prince, played by Lola Milton, is, like all pantomime deities, quite as lovable. Amy Sayer is a happy Fairy. In contrast there is the Baron (W. H. Irving), who plays about with his two unfortunate and noisy daughters (Wilson Leslie and Jack Ronda). Buttons, another humorist, is played by Jimmy O'Dea. There are many other good characters, including Dandini (Frances Kinders), Splutter (Bert Selby) and Stutter (Jim Myers). The fairy council, and lords, ladies, pages and peasants all combine to make the scenes as merry as possible. Old and new dances are performed in good style. The pantomime was witnessed by large audiences at each performance last night, and was much appreciated. Besides matinées on Boxing Day and the following three days, there will be matinées every Wednesday and Saturday until further notice.

OLYMPIA THEATRE.

The programme at the Olympia Theatre this week consists entirely of pictures, the principal one of which is a screen adaptation of "The Dop Doctor," by Richard Dehan. The story, introducing "the cheapest and most villainous of Cape brandies" into a romance arising from the Boer War, makes a suitable subject for presentation on the screen. The photographic work is artistic. The picture, which was well received by large audiences last night, is supplemented by comedies.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

Large audiences testified to the popularity of the Dixie Minstrels at the Tivoli Theatre last night. These artists endow an old-style entertainment with modern material, which makes it very acceptable. Al Sharpe and Billy Dunn provoke much laughter. Originality is also shown by Henry Creave and Jim Nicholson, the second tambo and bones. Will Dodds is a clever dancer. Dave Hunter is a good baritone. Harry Carmichael performs at the piano, and Bert Dixon is a talented dancing violinist. Kid Koone, a juvenile artist, is good. Alex Sanders and Pete Harmony are capital banjo experts, while the interlocutor is Harry Braithwaite. The harmonised choruses are delightful, and the farce, "Black Justice," is highly amusing. As a musician and horizontal bar performer Sanni is clever and funny. Rene and Renard gave clever banjo impressions. Maie Mirror sings well and tells some stories.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1923.

COURT OF APPEAL.—11 o'clock. To be Mentioned—Sands v. McCann. For Thursday next, 20th December. Final Appeal—Workmen's Compensation Act—Lynch v. Griffin, Co. Court Judge of Limerick. New Trial Motion—Mulvihill v. Whelan.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—CHANCERY DIVISION.—Lord Chief Justice of Ireland in Lunacy. Before the Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Statement, Baker, Ringwood, and Gordon; summons, T. F. O'Connell and Son. Before the Examiner, at 11.30 o'clock—Burstall, J. Donnelly, adj. ... Lord Chief Justice's Chambers. Before the Chief Clerk, at 11.30 o'clock—Kelly, minors; Walker, a minor.

ROLLS COURT.—In Court No. 2. Petitions—Cos' Acts and Gavin Low, Ltd. Motions—Litton v. Litton; Doyle v. Byrne; Curraghboy Co-op. ... v. Wall; O'Doherty v. ... At Chambers—... and P. Act, Cochran and Murray; O'Callaghan v. M'Gonagle; Lightfoot v. Waters. For to-morrow (Wednesday), 19th December. Action—Duggan v. Duggan; Verschoyle v. Panner; Verschoyle v. Bayley. For Thursday, 20th December. Action—M'Grath v. Brady. This Day. Rolls Chambers (Room 39), at 11 o'clock—Murphy v. Murphy; M'Dermott v. Attorney-General; Finegan v. Back. At 2.30 o'clock—Lemon v. Mark.

CHANCERY JUDGE.—Before the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls, in Court No. 3 (at the conclusion of the Rolls List). At Chambers—Meehan v. Ward; Brown v. M'Auliffe; Ross-Todd v. Fraser; Traynor v. Makowsca; Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Troy; Crinion v. Flood; Flanagan v. Gray; Cantwell v. Dunphy. In Court. Motion—M'Ginley v. Gallagher; Kinnear's Trusts and the Trustee Act, 1893. At Chambers—Wakeham v. Wallis; Wakeham v. Wallis and ors.; Graydon v. Graydon; Horan v. Kelly; Settled Land Acts and Crowley; Ryan v. Archbold; Beecher v. McCarthy; Hogan v. Hall; Groom v. Nevins; Poolbeg and Irish National Union of Vintners' Grocers' and Allied Trades' Assistants; Assurance Cos' Acts and Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., Ltd.

CONSOLIDATED TAXING OFFICE.—Master Kilbride, at 11 o'clock—Dolphin v. Kehoe; Porter Morris and Co.; Willen, a minor (G.S.); H. J. M'Cormack; Phillips v. Sley; Leitrim and Northern Railway Co.; Fitzgerald and M'Cormick; Martin Traynor, a bankrupt; E. F. Collins; Thomas Henry Lowe, a bankrupt; E. F. Collins; M'Neany v. Maguire; Phelan and Co. Master Denning, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Plunkett—Rentings v. Arnott; W. Gallagher; Meade; Murphy v. Healy; T. W. Delany; Lightfoot, minors; J. E. M'Dermott; Lightfoot, minors; J. E. M'Dermott; Collen v. Gallagher; Elliott and Clarke. Master Macnamara, at 11 o'clock—Bell's trusts; Franks and Dutton; Davis v. Lamson; T. J. Kirwan; Tralee Urban District Council to O'Doherty; J. E. O'Doherty; Murphy's trusts; T. C. Ross; Murphy's trusts, Orpen and Sweeney; Murphy's trusts, J. H. Walsh and Co.; Whitmore v. Earl, M. J. O'Connor and Co.

LAND JUDGES.—Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Wylie, in Court No. 5 (at the conclusion of the Land Commission List). Land Case—Henry Ward Baily, Nugent, owner, Willington, petr. Receiver Case—Palmer v. Fitzmaurice, from 11th inst. Chancery Motion—Harpur and ors. v. Morna and ors., from 11th inst.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—In Court No. 3, at 11 o'clock. Crown Side. Exparte Motions. Civil Side. Exparte Motions. Summons—Thompson v. Brown v. Knowd. On Notice—Duff v. Cotter; Lawlor v. Cotter; Wilson v. Byrne; Fagan v. Sheehan; Peard v. Colgan; Reddy v. Baird; Cooke v. Nixon. Before Master Jackson, K.C. For Thursday, 20th December, at 12 o'clock—The "Freeman's Journal" (1919), Ltd., v. Hearn.

TRIALS BY JURY.—Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Pim, in Court No. 4, at 11 o'clock. To be Mentioned—Kennedy and anor. v. the Merchant Warehousing Co., Ltd. For Trial. City Common—Poynton v. Hylad (work done). Non-Jury—Humphries v. Wilson (personal injuries). The City Common Jurors are required to attend this morning at the Law Courts, Dublin Castle, in Court No. 4, at 11.15 o'clock. Absent jurors will be fined.

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—Land Purchase Acts. Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Wylie, at the Law Courts, Dublin Castle, in Court No. 5, at 11 o'clock—Exparte Applications. In Chambers—Edward E. L. White, contd. etc., allocate; James D. Bourchier, do.; Charlotte J. Desart, do.; Sarah J. Pery Knox Gore, do.; Owen L. M'Dermott, do.; W. A. G. A. Knox Gore, do.; Augustus Warburton, do.; M. E. W. Drew Mulhallen, do.; Frederick James Murphy and another, do.; Elizabeth M. J. Carroll, contd. etc.; J. T. R. Verschoyle, contd. etc., do.; Sir Jocelyn A. R. Gore Booth, do.; E. C. Hume Gore, do.; Petronella White, do.; Mary S. Hungerford, do.; John B. Rochfort, do.; Thomas Kiernan, do.; Earl of Kenmare, do.; Norah V. Levinge, do.; Governors Erasmus Smith's Schools, do.; the Right Rev. H. H. Montgomery, do.; Rev. Sir George R. Fetherston, contd. etc., do.; C. H. D. Gun Cuninghame, do.; Lady H. G. J. Smyth, do.; Chr. T. Sherlock, do.; Clementina A. Furlong, do.; William F. Maxwell, do. In Court—Martha Coppinger and another, F.S.; Ellen Josephine Craven and another, do.; Christopher Walsh, do.; Colonel John Becher Ormsby and another, do.; Josephine G. Ryan do.; Colonel Charles Hackett, contd., do.; Fanny J. Dardis Browne, do.; Lady Adelaide J. F. Fitzgerald, do.; James W. Greene, F.S. and motion; Francis Temple Bacon and others (E.C. 8124), F.S.; Francis Temple Bacon and others (E.C. 8125), do.; Sir J. A. R. Gore-Booth, do.; Louisa Tottenham Rec. motion; William H. Allen, do.; Henry R. W. Fetherston Whitney (E.C. 7631), do. ... Henry R. W. Fetherston Whitney (E.C. 7922), do. ... closing day ... James C. O'Riordan, F.S.; Emily Gartlan, do.; Mary R. Todd-Pike, do. Land Act, 1923—The Hon. Henry Brown, motion; Laurence Roe (tenant), Elizabeth J. Broomfield (landlord), motion; Freeman W. Gason (tenant), Richard W. Gason (landlord), motion. Objections. For Judgment—Wm. Blackburn (tenant), Wm. F. Judd (landlord). For Hearing—Michael Hickson (tenant) ... Kennedy (landlord); J. M. M'Donnell, John A. Neilan; Laurence Roe, Elizabeth J. Broomfield; Jane Hartigan, James L. Watson; Jane Hartigan, Brig.-Gen. H. E. B. Newenham; John Doyle, Lt.-Col. L. A. Bryan; James Redmond, do.; John D'Arcy, do.; Henrietta Earl, do.; R. H. Johnson, do.; Reps. Mary Redmond, do.; James Brady, do.; Julia Sunderland, do.; Reps. Mary Redmond, do.; James Carberry, do.; James Sinnott, do.; Wm. Smith, do.; John Whelan, do.; Bridget Whelan, do.; Sylvester Power, do.; James Dempsey, do.; John Redmond, do.; Joseph Rankin, do.; Julia Redmond, do.; Moses Brien, do.; Edward White, do.; Patrick Brien, do.; John Brien, do.; Mary E. Sinnott, do.; Mary Colburn, do.; Eliza Roggan, do.; John Murphy, do.; James Middleton, do.; James and Margaret O'Connor, do.; Michael Redmond, do.; Elizabeth Roche, do.; Patrick Roth, do.; Reps. John Connors, do.; John Sinnott, do.; Ellen Donohoe, do.; John White, do.; Wm. Bailey, do.; Reps. Bridget Murphy, do.; James O'Neill, do.; Walter Roggan, do.; E. Roggan, do.; J. Lyons, D. H. Lane; Lance. Curtis, Wm. Robertson; Wm. Durnin, do.; Martin Heffernan, do.; Joseph Cunningham, do.; Patrick Clusker, do.; Peter M'Guinness, do.; Patrick Corrigan, do.; James Clusker, do.; Charles Kearney, do.; Reps. Bridget Ward, do.; Reps. Anne Curtis, do.; Michael Foley, Miss M. E. Fisher; Clara Reynell and others, Henry M. Smith. At Examiners' Chambers. Before Mr. Stubbs at 10.45—T. R. Wolfe. At 11—George Gethin, E.C. 6868. Before Mr. Sullivan at 11—W. J. B. Gubbins and others, E.C. 6923, vouch.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before the Chief Registrar at 11—Murtagh, prove debts and vouch. G. Byrne and Co., arrangement, prove debts. T. J. Graham; do., account come. E. F. Collins; Coffey, prove debts and vouch, do.

BEFORE THE RIGHT HON. THE RECORDER, at Green street at 11.—Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923.—Applicants—John J. Burke and others; Miss G. R. Hudson; William Clarke; John Corboy; T. J. Corboy; Gerrard Crofts; Mary Cummins; J. F. Cullen; Mary Church; David Cody; H. O. Corcoran; M. J. Cahill; John Carthy; Ida E. Cockcroft; Carton Bros.; Isaac Cohen; W. H. Coleman; ...; M. Collins; Peter Comty; ...; Moses Crowe; William Benson; J. J. Bailey; Margaret M. Bennett; Morris Abrahams; Mary G. de Courcy; James Duffy; Benson Shoe Co.; Cambridge and Co.; Thomas Collier and Co.; Nellie Kelly; J. L. Allen; W. G. Butler and Son; Francis Ottach; Patrick Carthy; P. J. Courtney; Very Rev. H. F. O'Farrell; William Coffey; S. H. Crawford; R. G. I. Boffee; H. D. Draper; Dublin City Market Co.; Dublin Distillery Co.; Dublin Electric Theatre, Ltd.; Dublin Eye and Ear Institute; Dublin Salt Co.; Duffy and Sons; Nora O'C. Duff; Dundon and Co.; William Dunbar; A. J. Bonner; Dunlop Laundry Co., Ltd.; R. B. Phillipson, Sinclair Robinson; Donnelly, Ltd.; William Dwyer; N.A.A.F.I.

DAIL EIREANN COURTS (WINDING UP) COMMISSION.—Before the Chief Judicial Commissioner in Court No. 1 at 11. For Hearing—Barron v. Barron. To-morrow (Wednesday):—Before the Chief Judicial Commissioner in Court No. 1 at 11. For Hearing—Byrne v. G.S. and W. Rly. Co. For Thursday:—Before the Assistant Commissioner in Court No. 2 at 11. For Hearing—Cunningham v. Dowd.

DUBLIN STREET FIGHTING.

AWARDS FOR DAMAGED PROPERTY.

THE CORPORATION'S CLAIMS.

Awards amounting to more than £40,000 were made by the Recorder of Dublin yesterday on claims under the Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923. The claims were in respect of damage occurring through the activities of Republicans in 1922 and the early part of this year.

The largest award was that of £18,476 on account of damage to Moran's Hotel through occupation by armed men and the subsequent explosion of a land mine outside the hotel. The total was made up as follows:—Building, £12,245; furniture and stock, £5,504; personal effects, £727. A full reinstatement condition was attached. The claim was for £33,600.

CORPORATION'S MANY CLAIMS.

£13,829 was the amount awarded in respect of 15 claims by the Corporation of Dublin. £5,000 was in respect of damage to Corporation property (buildings) generally in the city, including the Stanley street workshops, which were burned; another £5,000 in respect of stock in the works and stores at Stanley street; £1,900, damage to electric lamps in Sackville street and elsewhere; £800, damage to electric cables in Sackville street area; £310, damage to pavements in Sackville street and elsewhere; £250 in respect of gas lamps in Sackville street and elsewhere; £190, electric meters in Four Courts and Sackville street; £130, damage to Technical Schools at Bolton street and Kevin street; £120, damage to Fleet street electricity station; and the balance covering damage to trees in Sackville street and elsewhere, property destroyed in the General Post Office, damage to sewer and works in Chancery place through the cutting of a tunnel by armed men occupying the Four Courts, and loss of a bicycle used by a Corporation employé.

£2,215 was the amount awarded to Messrs. Harry Ferguson, Ltd., in respect of damage to the firm's premises at Lower Baggot street and the loss of cars and stock removed by a large party of armed men, who said they acted on the orders of the Boycott Committee.

DAMAGE BY EXPLOSIONS.

£2,000 was awarded in respect of various claims on account of damage to buildings, including Messrs. W. Drummond and Sons' shop in Dawson street, injured through the explosion of a land mine in Messrs. McCullough's music warehouse next door (£180); shops in Sackville street, Fleet street, and neighbourhood, damaged through explosions at the Grand Central Cinema and at the Stationery Office; the Hon. Gordon Campbell's house on Kimmage road, set on fire by armed men (£1,280, including £650 to which a reinstatement condition was attached); a lodginghouse in Church street (£160); a house in Chancery place (£100); a house in Foley street, occupied by armed men and subsequently damaged through the explosion of a mine in Corporation street (£80); and Messrs. Eason's property (£63).

MOTOR CARS AND CYCLES.

The remaining claims were in respect of motor cars and motor cycles. Some cars taken from their owners or from garages had not been heard of again; others were recovered, and the cost of repairs and replacement of stolen fittings was claimed; in other cases the cars had been used as barricades and damaged beyond repair. £1,500 was allowed to Mr. Robert H. Adamson in respect of a Rolls-Royce car which was not recovered. The other claims were for smaller amounts, and the awards made totalled more than £2,000.

The Recorder stated that the awards in these cases were not decrees, but reports to the Ministry of Finance of his findings as to the amount of loss in each case. The awards were generally much less than the amounts claimed, but the Recorder did not invariably adopt the assessments put forward on behalf of the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Horan, solicitor, appeared for the Ministry of Finance in all cases. The official assessments of damage were put forward by Mr. T. J. Byrne, Board of Works architect, in respect of buildings, and by Captain Lenehan and Lieutenant Looby, of the Free State Army, in respect of motor cars. About eighty claims were dealt with in the day, and a number of others were struck out because there was no appearance for the applicant when the case was called.

In cases in which claims had been paid by insurance companies, the Recorder reported the fact and made no award.

THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW ACT.

The only argument that arose during the hearing was with respect to the ranking of cases in which the damage occurred to premises not directly attacked, but (as in Messrs. Drummond's case) injured in consequence of the attack on other premises.

Mr. Costello, for the Ministry of Finance, said that an undertaking had been given on behalf of the Government when the Act was passing through the Senate that the Act would be construed as dealing with such claims, and the Government accepted responsibility for them.

The Recorder said that in view of that statement he would report awards in such cases, but having regard to the wording of Section 16, which appeared to him to limit the cases to those which would have come under the Malicious Injuries Acts in ordinary circumstances, he was not to be taken as deciding judicially that they were covered by the Act.

ARCHITECTS' FEES.

In the case of Moran's Hotel, the Recorder commented on the amount allowed for architects' fees. It was explained by Mr. T. J. Byrne, of the Board of Works, that the practice was to recognise 5 per cent. for the architect and 1½ per cent. for the quantity surveyor on the total cost of restoration of buildings. The Recorder said that he could not agree to such an amount as £1,540 in that case. An intelligent carpenter would know what to do to repair those old houses.

Mr. Joseph O'Connor, K.C. (for the applicant) said that if his lordship saw the place he would realise that there was a very considerable reconstruction to be done.

WANTED A REVOLVER.

PRISON FOR SOLICITING FROM A SOLDIER.

At the Dublin Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Collins, K.C., Patrick McGuirk was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for soliciting a private of the Free State Army to part with a revolver.

Michael Fitzpatrick, a private in the Free State Army, stationed at Parkgate street, deposed to the accused having met him at Peterson's lane on the 1st December, when he asked him for a "gun," for which he offered £2.

Witness then reported the matter to Captain Quirke, G.H.Q., and it was arranged that a disused revolver should be given to the accused in order to trap him. Before this could be done, however, he was arrested by the D.M.P. on another charge.

The accused figured in another charge, on remand, as co-defendant with Charles Berry and John Lynch, it being alleged that they forcibly entered the stores of the Dublin Shipping and Forwarding Company, at 23 City quay, on various occasions during last month, and that they stole therefrom property to the value of £418.

In committing the men for trial, Mr. Collins allowed bail to Lynch in £25 and to Berry in £50.

Mr. James Brady appeared for Lynch, and Mr. W. Byrne (Messrs. Gerald Byrne and Co.) for Berry.

LAW REPORTS.

INJURED BOYS.

AGREED COMPENSATION.

In the King's Bench Division in Dublin, before Mr. Justice Dodd.

Mr. Binchy (instructed by Mr. Patrick Glynn) applied to have a consent made a rule of court in the action brought by Michael Christopher Barrett, an infant, by Thomas Barrett, his father, against Albert Roberts and Co., Ltd. Counsel moved on the affidavit of Thomas Barrett, of 20 Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook, who stated that the action was brought to recover damages for personal injuries to the plaintiff, who was a schoolboy, aged 14 years, owing to the alleged negligence of the defendants in the erection and management of a scaffolding, from the fall of which the minor plaintiff, Michael C. Barrett, sustained injuries on the 11th September last in Upper Baggot street, Dublin. The consent provided that defendants lodge in court to the credit of the action the sum of £25, which, with the sum of £125 lodged with the defence of the action, making in all £150, together with 30 guineas costs of the action.

Mr. Justice Dodd received the consent, which was made a rule of court.

Mr. Binchy (instructed by Mr. Glynn) made a similar application in the action in which Patrick Langley, an infant, by his uncle-in-law, Andrew O'Leary, of 34 Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook, was plaintiff, and Messrs. Albert Roberts and Co., Ltd., the defendants. The consent provided for the payment of £75 and 20 guineas costs in full settlement of all claims by the plaintiff.

The consent was received and made a rule of court.

THE HOWTH TRAMWAY.

PASSENGER'S ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

Before Mr. Justice Pim and a city common jury, the case of O'Connor v. the Dublin United Tramways Company came on for hearing. This was an action brought by Oliver J. O'Connor, Claremont Hotel, Howth, against the defendants for damages for alleged negligence and breach of contract to carry safely. The defendants denied negligence, and pleaded contributory negligence.

It appeared that plaintiff had twice previously injured his leg, but was able to go about with the aid of appliances. On the evening of the 15th May he got into a Howth tram at Baldoyle, and when the car was approaching the Claremont Hotel he got up from his seat, and the conductor proceeded to stop the car. The plaintiff alleged that the conductor started the car again while he was still holding the stand and he was pulled forward, fell upon his knee, and was dragged a few yards. The defendants said that the tramcar had actually stopped; that the plaintiff had dismounted; that he put his leg on some inequality which caused him to stumble, and that it was not the restarting of the tramcar that caused him to be dragged along.

Mr. Carrigan, K.C.; Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. Murnaghan (instructed by Messrs. Brown and McCann) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Serjeant Hanna, K.C.; Mr. Lynch, K.C., and Mr. Mooney (instructed by Messrs. Casey, Clay and Collins) for the defendants.

The jury found in favour of the defendants, and judgment was entered accordingly.

PROPERTY AT ARTANE.

BANK'S APPLICATION.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, in the matter of Samuel Holmes, Ltd., now in liquidation,

Mr. V. Wilson (instructed by Messrs. Maxwell, Weldon and Co.) applied on behalf of the Munster and Leinster Bank for an order directing that the bank, who were the purchasers of the premises of the company, situated at Artane, Co. Dublin, for £2,000, should be allowed absolute credit for that sum with respect to the money paid into court. The bank were first debenture holders. The only other assets, besides the £2,000, consisted of £1,090 in the hands of the liquidator. The debentures had been put up for sale, and the only bid received was a sum of £725, and the offer of the bank of £2,000 was accepted.

The application was granted.

A CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION.

Before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of the Irish Co-Operative Clothing Society, which had been listed,

Mr. W. G. Shannon (instructed by Messrs. Michael Larkin and Co.), on behalf of a large number of creditors in the winding up matter, asked his lordship to allow the matter to stand till Thursday next, as a meeting was being held that (Monday) night to see if the company could not be reconstructed, said that if it was decided that it could, his lordship would not be further troubled with the matter.

The Master of the Rolls—Very well; let it stand till Wednesday or Thursday.

A representative of Messrs. Fullerton and Doyle, solicitors, said that he appeared for the parties concerned in the reconstruction.

EXCESS PROFITS DUTY.

COMMISSIONERS' ASSESSMENTS CHALLENGED.

In the King's Bench Division, before the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Dodd, the case in which the representatives of P. S. McCall, deceased, were appellants, and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, respondents, came on for hearing on a case stated by the Commissioners, for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts.

At a meeting of the Commissioners, held on 29th November, 1919, for the purpose of hearing appeals, the representatives of P. J. McCall, deceased, appealed against assessments to excess profits duty in the sum of £808 4s., for the accounting period of a year ending 31st December, 1916; £284 for the year ending 1917, and £26,438 for the year ending 1918, made upon the appellants under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, Part III, and subsequent enactments.

The late Mr. McCall formerly carried on a small publican's business in leasehold premises at Patrick street, Dublin. He sold the premises on 17th April, 1918, for a sum of £300 to his assistant, to whom he presented the stock-in-trade and goodwill of the business, and from that date he ceased to carry on business as a publican. For many years Mr. McCall made a practice of purchasing considerable quantities of whiskey in bond from John Power and Sons, Ltd., the average purchases amounting to £1,800 to £2,000 a year. Only small quantities of this whiskey (ranging in value from £11 to £37 in a year) were transferred from bond to Mr. McCall's publichouse in Patrick street, the greater part of it being re-sold to John Power and Sons, Ltd., after being kept four or five years in bond. Mr. McCall's first purchase of whiskey in bond appeared to have been made in 1901 or 1902, and the quantity then purchased was re-sold in 1906, at the purchase price, plus interest, at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum for the intervening period.

In 1908 an informal agreement appeared to have been made between Mr. McCall and a director of John Power and Sons, Ltd. A pocket book was produced at the hearing of the appeal, which contained the following entry under date 19th February, 1908:—"Interview with L. Farrell, jun., to take all whiskey I offer him at original cost, plus 4 per cent. interest. Cheque for £528 8s. for 40 hhds." There had been transactions each year since 1906, and all resales were carried out by sold notes on invoice forms. Mr. McCall paid the premiums on the policies of insurance of the whiskey in bond from the time of purchase until the time of re-sale. So long as the re-sales were on the basis of cost price, plus interest, no charge was made for storage, but in every case where the re-sale was effected at a fixed price, without reference to cost of purchase, a charge was made against him for storage for the whole period of his ownership of the whiskey.

It was contended on behalf of the appellants that the profits arising to Mr. McCall from the purchase and sale of whiskey in bond were not profits arising from a trade or business in respect of which excess profits duty was chargeable, but accretions of capital realised on the sale of an investment; that the only business carried on by Mr. McCall was that of publican, and he ceased to carry on his business prior to the 22nd April, 1918; that Section 35 of the Finance Act had no application in the case of a business which ceased prior to the 22nd April, 1918; and that the assessments ought to be discharged.

It was contended on behalf of the Commissioners, inter alia, that the profits arising to Mr. McCall from the purchase and sale of whiskey in bond were profits arising from a trade or business carried on by him, and were within the charge to excess profits duty. The Commissioners held that during the accounting periods Mr. McCall was carrying on the business of selling whiskey in bond, and that excess profits duty was chargeable in respect of the profits arising therefrom. They amended the assessments to the amounts which were agreed to be chargeable if this view was correct, viz., £493 4s., for the accounting period of a year ending 31st December, 1916; £692 for the period ending 1917, and £28,438 8s. for the year ending 31st December, 1918, subject to the allowance of deficiencies in respect of previous accounting periods.

The question for the Court was whether the evidence justified the Commissioners' finding.

The Lord Chief Justice said that he did not think that they had any doubt about the case, but it would probably be better to write out a judgment, which would be delivered on either Wednesday or Thursday next.

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C.; Mr. H. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. Costello (instructed by Mr. Joseph H. Dixon) appeared for the appellants; and

Mr. Jellett, K.C.; Mr. T. Sullivan, K.C., and Mr. W. G. Shannon (instructed by Mr. Richard Martin) for the respondents.

BEQUEST TO A COLLEGE.

A CAVAN MAN'S WILL.

Before the Master of the Rolls an interesting point was mentioned in the case of Heyburn v. the Attorney-General. The matter was listed on a summons brought to construe the terms of the will of John Downey, deceased, late of Cavan, whereby he left one-sixth of the residue of his estate to what he described as the "Wesley College, Belfast."

It appeared that there was no such institution as the Wesley College, Belfast, and the question to be decided was whether the testator intended to benefit the Methodist College, Belfast, or the Wesley College, Dublin. It was stated that the residue of the estate consisted of a substantial sum.

Mr. T. J. Smyth (instructed by Messrs. W. J. Fegan and Co.), for the executor, asked that the summons should be allowed to stand over till next sittings in order that the Methodist College, Belfast, might put in an affidavit.

The Master of the Rolls granted the adjournment.

A FARM IN LOUTH.

DISPUTE ABOUT AN INDENTURE.

Before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of Mathews v. Mathews,

Mr. W. G. Shannon (instructed by Mr. Joseph M. Reilly) applied on behalf of James F. L. Mathews, one of the defendants, the other two being Patrick Devlin and Peter Mathews, for an order directing the plaintiff, Patrick Mathews, to give security for costs. The action was brought by the plaintiff in his representative capacity to have an indenture executed by Mary Jane Donnelly, deceased, late of Millextown, Co. Louth, on the 22nd of May, 1922, set aside as null and void. By that deed the deceased assigned her farm of land at Millextown, Co. Louth, to trustees to hold the same for herself for life, and after her death for the defendant, James F. L. Mathews, absolutely.

Mr. Lavery (instructed by Mr. Roe) opposed the application on behalf of the plaintiff.

The Master of the Rolls made an order, directing that the plaintiff should give security for costs, remarking that the deed could not be impeached on the ground that it was an improvident deed, and it had been prepared by a competent solicitor, Mr. Joseph M. Reilly, of Drogheda.

A BAND FOR PORTADOWN.

PROVISION IN A WILL.

Before the Master of the Rolls, in the matter of the estate of William John Watson, deceased, late of Portadown, Co. Armagh,

Mr. Carson (instructed by Messrs. Best and Best) applied on behalf of the executors of the will of the deceased for an order directing the Accountant-General to pay to the trustees of "The Watson Charity" £440 odd cash, standing to the credit of the matter, to transfer to them £1,500, railway consolidated stock, to sell sufficient of £8,350 odd 4 per cent. War Loan to pay certain costs, and to transfer the residue to the trustees. The deceased, who died in 1909, Mr. Carson said, left everything that he died possessed of for the purpose of providing healthy recreation for the inhabitants, and for the teaching of singing, and also for forming a town band in the town of Portadown. (Laughter.)

The Master of the Rolls—Two or three drums, I suppose. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carson said that the trustees were also to have a dinner every five years.

The application was granted.

QUASHING A RATE.

ACTION AGAINST TRUSTEES.

Before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of Michael Rehill v. Travers R. Blackley and others,

Mr. J. Geoghegan (instructed by Mr. William Reid) applied to have a consent to settlement made a rule of Court. The defendants, numbering about seventeen, were the trustees of Lough Oughter and Gowna and River Erne Drainage District and Lough Oughter and River Erne Drainage Board. The action was brought to quash a rate struck by defendants, the trustees.

The consent, which was signed and sealed, provided that all further proceedings in the action should be stayed upon the terms that plaintiff was entitled to his costs, when taxed and ascertained, out of the funds of Loughs Oughter and Gowna and River Erne Districts and the Lough Oughter and River Erne Drainage Board, as might be determined by the award of Mr. J. J. McAuley, of 40 Belmont avenue, Donnybrook, Co. Dublin; and that the defendants' solicitor should accept service of the amended writ, pursuant to an order of the Court, on behalf of the defendants, the costs of the order and service to be paid to the plaintiff's solicitor when taxed. The plaintiff agreed that the matters in dispute in the action should be determined by Mr. McAuley's award.

The consent was made a rule of Court.

AN ESTATE IN KILDARE.

RELATIVES UNHEARD OF FOR FORTY YEARS.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of J. Mergan, deceased—Mergan v. Mooney,

Mr. Murnaghan (instructed by Messrs. Brown and McCann) applied on behalf of the plaintiffs, Peter and Anne Mergan, children of the late James Mergan, sen., deceased, farmer, of Goldwells, Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare, who died intestate on 31st December, 1922, for an order presuming the death of three other children, Michael Mergan, James Mergan, jun., and Patrick Mergan, intestate and unmarried, who had gone to America forty or fifty years ago, nothing having been heard of them ever since.

The application was granted.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather—Westerly wind, fresh breeze; dull and overcast.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Kerry, from Glasgow, with goods; Patricia, from Cardiff, with goods; Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, with goods; Glenageary, St. Fintan, Loch Leven, from Partington, with coals; Millocrat, from Birkenhead, with flour; Young Dan (motor), from Arklow, light; Snowdon, Slieve Donard, from Holyhead, light.

Coastwise Departures—South Stack, Slieve Donard, for Holyhead, with goods; Ardmore, Ivytown, for Liverpool, with goods; Lady Kerry, for Glasgow, with goods; Brier, for Heysham, with goods; Yarrow, for Silloth, with goods; Snowdon, for Holyhead, with live stock; Maple, for Dundee, with live stock; Southwick, for Swansea, light; Priscilla, for Piel (Barrow), light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ANDES, River Plate for Southampton, left Madeira 16.
ARAGUAYA, Southampton for River Plate, left Vigo 16.
AUSONIA, from Boston, arrived Queenstown 16 and Liverpool 17.
BARAMBAH, from the Clyde, arr. Geelong 15.
BIAFRA, from Liverpool, arrived Secondee 13.
BAKARA, for Australia, left Swansea 15.
BALLARAT, from London, arrived Adelaide 17.
BATA, Burutu for Liverpool, called Las Palmas 16.
BORDA, from London, arrived Sydney 15.
BELTANA, for London, left Fremantle 14.
BHAMO, for Rangoon, left the Mersey 15.
CRAFTSMAN, Calcutta for London, arr. Colombo 17.
CHIRRIPO, for Santa Marta, left Hull 16.
CITY OF EXETER, Karachi for Antwerp, called Plymouth 17.
CITY OF KARACHI, Shanghai for London, arrived Penang 15.
CARNARVONSHIRE, London for Kobe, called Hong Kong 17.
CITY OF SPARTA, Liverpool for Calcutta, arr. Port Said 17.
CUTHBERT, from Para, arrived Liverpool 17.
CANADA, for Liverpool, left Halifax 15.
CHINE, for London, left Bombay 15.
DISCOVERER, from Calcutta, and ZARIA, from West Africa, both arrived the Mersey 17.
DORIC, from Portland, arrived the Mersey 17.
ESSEX, from Avonmouth, arr. Melbourne 17.
EDINBURGH CASTLE, from Southampton, arrived Table Bay 17.
GRANTULLY CASTLE, London for Beira, called Delagoa Bay 14.
HILDEBRAND, for Liverpool, left Para 16.
HUNTSMAN, for Liverpool, left Port Sudan 16.
JERVIS BAY, for London, left Adelaide 14.
KATORI MARU, Kobe for London, arr. Colombo 17.
KARMALA, for London, left Antwerp 16.
KASHGAR, London for Japan, arrived Colombo 15.
KHIVA, from London, arrived Kobe 15.
KIANGANI, for London, left Adelaide 16.
LARGS BAY, from London, arrived Brisbane 17.
MODASA, from Bombay, arrived Leith 15.
MALOJA, Bombay for London, arrived Suez 16.
MOLDAVIA, London for Sydney, arr. Colombo 16.
MALWA, Kobe for London, called Marseilles 15.
MOREA, London for Kobe, left Marseilles 15.
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MOTAGUA, from Jamaica, arr. Avonmouth 16.
MINNEDOSA, for Montreal, left Southampton 16.
MANTUA, London for Bombay, called Aden 16.
MATINA, from Teneriffe, and NICOYA, from Kingston, both arrived Garston 16.
NATAROTA, for London, left Monte Video 15.
NESTOR, from Liverpool, arrived Brisbane 16.
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PAKEHA, from Auckland, arr. Gravesend 17.
PERSIC, for London, left Adelaide 14.
PORT HARDY, for London, left Adelaide 14.
PLUTARCH, from Liverpool, arrived Rio de Janeiro 14.
PARATTAH, for London, left Sydney 15.
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SCINDIA, for the Clyde, left Bombay 14.
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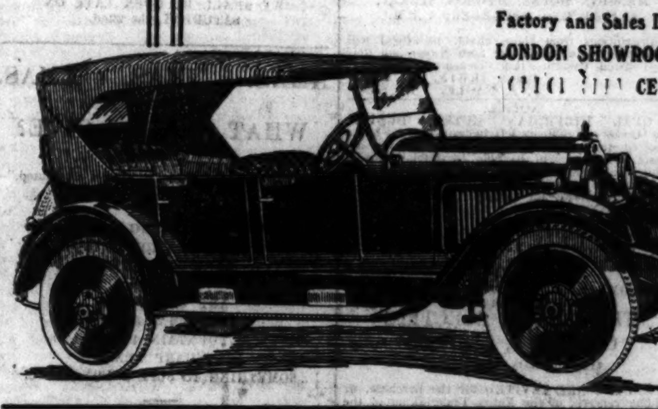

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
LADY CAROLINE LOUISA MARY HOWARD, late of Wingfield, Bray, in the County of Wicklow, Spinster, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30th and 31st Vict. c. 54, that the above-named Lady Caroline Louisa Mary Howard, who died on the 23rd of May, 1923, by a Codicil, dated the 15th of May, 1923, to her Will bequeathed:—To the Representative Church Body of Ireland, for the upkeep of the Parish Church of Kilbride, Bray, the sum of £200
To the Representative Church Body of Ireland, for the upkeep of the Parish Church of Kilbride, Ferrybank, Arklow, the sum of £200
Probate of the Will, dated the 20th of December 1922 with said Codicil, was granted on the 24th of August, 1923, forth of the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, to the Right Honorable the Earl of Wicklow, the sole Executor.
Dated this 13th day of December, 1923.
H. and W. STANLEY, Solicitors for Executor, 59 Dawson street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests and all other persons concerned.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
ADVERTISEMENT FOR CREDITORS AND INCUMBRANCERS.
PURSUANT to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, made in the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Sexton, deceased; Edmond R. McDonnell, Plaintiff; Robert Sexton and another, Defendants—the creditors of the said Thomas Sexton, late of 8 York road, Dun Laoghaire, in the County of Dublin, Publican, deceased, who died in or about the month of March, 1923, are, on or before the 9th day of January, 1924, to send by post (prepaid) to Mr. W. P. Stevens, of 19 Upper Ormond quay, in the City of Dublin, the Solicitor of the Plaintiff, one of the Executors of the Deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them; and all persons claiming to be incumbrancers affecting the real estate of the said Thomas Sexton are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at the Chambers of the Master of the Rolls, Law Courts, City of Dublin, on or before the said 9th day of January, 1924, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.
Every creditor or claimant on real estate holding any security is to produce the same before the Right Honble. the Master of the Rolls, at his Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 16th day of January, 1924, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 12th day of December, 1923.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
THE REVEREND GEORGE HENRY VAUGHAN, late of 43 Wellington place, Clyde road, in the County of Dublin, M.A. (Cantab.), Clerk in Holy Orders, Deceased.
Take Notice that, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vict., cap. 35, all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the assets of the said Rev. George Henry Vaughan, deceased, who died on the 21st day of June, 1923, are hereby required, on or before the 18th day of January, 1924, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to Mrs. Evelyn Vaughan, of 43 Wellington place, Clyde road, in the County of Dublin; or to Alured L. D. Long, of the Bank of England, Western Branch, Burlington Gardens, London, W.1, the Executors of the Deceased, and to whom Probate of the Will of said Deceased has been granted in the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice (Probate) in Saorstat Eireann; or to the undersigned respectively, Solicitor for the said Executors, and in default thereof the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Testator, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.
Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.
WILLIAM FINDLATER and CO., Solicitors for the said Executors, Chambers, No. 53 Dame street, Dublin.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's *Irish Times*:—

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NOTICE.
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Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.
J. SEDGWICK, Chartered Accountant, Liquidator, 2 Church lane, College Green, Dublin.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
OWING to unforeseen circumstances, over which we have no control, we are reluctantly compelled to CANCEL the EXHIBITION and SALE of FURS, MANTLES, and GOWNS, which were to be held in ST. ANDREW'S HOTEL, DUBLIN. We therefore, have to Postpone Sale to a later date.
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APPEALS.

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SUDDEN DEATH AT A BANQUET.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Sir John Taverner, former Agent-General in London for Victoria and an ex-Victorian Minister, died suddenly here to-day while responding to a toast at the Primary Producers' banquet.—(Reuter.)

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Cinderella," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"The Dop Doctor," 6.45 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, etc., 6.45 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"A Doll's House," 8.15 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Her Mad Bargain."
Metropole Cinema—"The Christian."
Grafton Picture House—"Salome," 1-10.30.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"The Lane that had No Turning."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"The Girl from Porcupine," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Alexandra School Prize Distribution, 3 p.m.
Pembroke Council—Adjourned Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Rutland High School, 3.30 p.m.
Bertrand Orphan and Intermediate School for Girls, Hardwicke place, 7 p.m.
Miss Culwick's Concert, Metropolitan Hall, 8 p.m.
Agricultural Commission, 11 a.m.
Sheriff's Inquiry, Green street Courthouse, 11 a.m.

The man who believes in God does not need a Church.—Mr. J. Middleton Murry.

The Irish Times.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Rev. G. A. Chamberlain has been appointed Incumbent of the Mariners' Church, Kingstown.—(Page 4.)

As from the last day of this month the £50,000 grant to doctors for the medical certification of insured persons will cease to be payable by the Free State Government, and will have to be provided from other sources.—(Page 5.)

The Recorder of Dublin heard a large number of claims for damage to property arising out of the fighting in the city in 1922 and the early part of this year. The sums awarded during the day amounted to £40,146.—(Page 3.)

Christmas postal arrangements are announced. There will be a delivery in Dublin and suburbs on Sunday. An appeal for early posting is made.—(Page 5.)

In rejecting a report which recommended a reorganisation of the clerical staff of one of the Corporation committees and a revision of salaries at yesterday's meeting of the City Council, the Lord Mayor said that, in order to pave the way for a reduced rate in Dublin, he would rule out all expenditure, except where it was absolutely necessary in the interests of the city.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Suspected cases of foot-and-mouth disease were reported yesterday in the Doncaster area.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD

The ex-Kaiser is bringing a libel action against a Dortmund paper for describing an incident which is alleged to have taken place on the Imperial yacht in 1897.—(Page 5.)

Strong condemnation has been made by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec, in a Pastoral Letter just issued, of improper dances and immodest styles in dress, which are termed forms of revived paganism.—(Page 5.)

Mr. Das, the leader of the Swaraj Party in Bengal, has refused the Governor's invitation to form a Ministry.—(Page 5.)

The New India.

Mr. C. R. Das, the successor of Gandhi, has been asked to accept administrative responsibility in Bengal and has declined the invitation. Some knowledge of recent events in India is necessary for an appreciation of the importance of this development. The elections to the Indian Legislatures have resulted in considerable success for the party of Swaraj, or full self-government. Some moderate reformers have been replaced by men who are pledged to a policy of complete obstruction if their demands are not granted without delay. In the Bengal Council Swaraj is still in a minority, but it captured many seats and three Ministers tendered their resignations. Confronted with this position, the Governor, the Earl of Lytton, did a daring thing. He invited Mr. Das, the leader of the extremists, to nominate Ministers for Education, Local Self-Government and Agriculture. The Governor's action had the effect of a political bombshell on all parties in the Province. It caused frank dismay in the European community and among the Indian Moderates. Two Moderate Ministers had been re-elected; yet the Governor had rejected them in favour of the chief disciple of the man whom the Indian Government has put under lock and key. The extremists themselves were hardly less perturbed. They suspected a plot to undermine their revolutionary principles, and one of their chief newspapers described the situation as "delicate and difficult."

The event seems to have justified Lord Lytton's courageous tactics. Mr. Das has rejected a *status* which would have involved one of two things—acceptance of the Constitution or acceptance of public responsibility for the wrecking of the Constitution. His decision was reached yesterday at a meeting of the Swaraj Party, which pledged itself once more to the policy of making all government impossible until its demands are granted in full. This policy, of course, must be defeated by the Indian Government, whose position appears to be strengthened rather than weakened by Lord Lytton's offer. In the first place, Swaraj itself has been forced to pay a grudging tribute to the constitutional spirit which the offer revealed. In the next place, the Indian Government, having made a generous, though unsuccessful, overture, will be able with a perfectly clear conscience to take such action as the latest challenge to its authority may require. The extremists have no excuse for ignorance of the Government's attitude to all attempts to challenge the diarchy with the methods of anarchy. In a recent speech at Simla the Earl of Reading warned them that their utmost success could hope only to end in the paralysis of the reformed Constitution. The Constitution might be forced into abeyance, but there would be no failure of government. The Viceroy's speech suggested that no emergency would take the Administration unawares.

Lord Reading hopes that increased sobriety of judgment will result from the people's closer association with the tasks of government. There is substantial ground for such hope. Swaraj will not have more than one-third of the members of the Legislative Assembly, which is a dominating factor in public affairs. The extremists have minorities in most of the provincial Councils and have suffered heavy losses in some places where their chances of success seemed to be brightest. Moreover, in spite of the appearance of unity at yesterday's party meeting and in spite of the imposing pact which divides prospective power so neatly between Hindu and Mohammedan, Swaraj has no real solidarity and no constructive programme. Its disintegration, if it could achieve all its aims to-morrow, would be a matter of weeks. Even in the campaign which is now threatened against the Government the different elements in Swaraj are likely to quarrel very quickly over questions of ways and means. The fact remains, however, that for all who desire peace and constitutional progress in India the outlook is anxious and uncertain. To political unrest and the growing clamour for impossible concessions is added the perennial trouble on the Northern frontier and a situation in the Punjab that provokes military as well as political concern. To-day the Indian Government has urgent need of those high qualities of courage and tact, firmness and patience that made the *Raj* and, despite many sins of omission and commission, have conferred vast benefits on countless millions of the human race.

Greater Dublin.

We print to-day the report of an interview which was given by the Minister of Local Government to a deputation from the Greater Dublin Movement. We are glad that one of the Committee's objects, at any rate, seems at last to be on the point of achievement, and that Mr. Burke has agreed in principle to its proposal that a Greater Dublin Commission of Inquiry shall be established by the Free State Government. The plan which was placed before the Minister by the deputation was very simple. The organisers of the movement propose that a State Commission shall be appointed, without executive authority for the present, and that it shall prepare "definite proposals for the common administration of road transport, electricity supply, housing, drainage and, say, fire brigade and ambulance services in Greater Dublin." This Commission would confer with local authorities and other interested bodies, and, in the event of disagreement, would draft and present provisional orders to the Free State Parliament in support of its proposals. The advantages of Greater Dublin need no advertisement. At present the affairs of the area which is comprised in a circle of six miles radius from O'Connell Bridge are managed by a number of public bodies, including the Dublin Corporation, the Port and Docks Board, the Urban District Councils of Rathmines, Pembroke, Blackrock, Kingstown and Howth, and the North Dublin, South Dublin and Rathdown No. 1 Rural Councils. The Greater Dublin Movement proposes the co-ordination of the work of all these boards, with a consequent saving of expense and promotion of efficiency. Finally, of course, the achievement of its ideal would involve the absorption of the various townships into Greater Dublin; and in this proposal lies the greatest danger to the scheme. Under the present system the townships are governed tolerably well; some of them, indeed, are governed very well. In the City of Dublin, on the other hand, the power rests in the hands of a Corporation whose inefficiency has become notorious throughout the British Isles. No resident of a Dublin township could contemplate fusion with the city while the Dublin Corporation retains its present character. We have every sympathy with the general plan of the movement. Dublin is the capital of the Free State. It is the terminus of all the great Irish railways. It is the legal, educational, social and economic centre of the *Saorstat*, and, as such, ought to be a city worthy of comparison with Amsterdam, Stockholm, Brussels or Prague. We believe that, if the leaders of the Greater Dublin Movement receive the necessary encouragement from the Government and from the people, it will become such a city, and the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry will be a step in the right direction. The Dublin Corporation, however, constitutes a formidable stumbling-block.

Many Inventions.

People are living who remember the world before railways. Most of us can remember the days when to see a motor car on the roads was a strange experience, and can recall the thrill with which we heard of the first succesful aeroplane. To-day invention has almost lost the power to surprise. Only yesterday the wireless telephone was a dimly-conjectured possibility; but, before the world realised that it had been invented, "broadcasting" was a commonplace. The past few days have seen further triumphs of ingenuity announced, such as would have been received in our younger days with breathless admiration. Of a new type of aeroplane, the "rocket-plane," we are told that it will make possible a journey from Dublin to London in fifty minutes. A Cunard liner has sailed from New York for Liverpool without a helmsman on the bridge, being fitted with a contrivance by which henceforward ships may steer themselves across the ocean. An inventor reports that he has devised means to transmit pictures by "wireless," so that events happening in Europe may be shown, by motion-picture, in America on the same day. Thus distance seems to have been obliterated. The Antipodes have been brought, as it were, into sight, hearing and easy reach. Yet, if space is conquered, time still defies us. Man is omnipotent in three dimensions, but impotent in what is sometimes called the fourth. With his turbines and mono-rails and rocket-planes, in trying to overtake time, he is like a child chasing his shadow. Time-saving machinery actually has left men with less leisure than ever before. So much time is taken up in trying to save time that we can no longer read good books, play the more skilled games, or go rambling on the hills that flank our busy roads. If man cannot overtake time, still less can he recall it. With all our seeming mastery of the world in which we live, it is still true that we can find here no abiding city.

Christmastide.

The lure of Christmas is one of the few legacies of olden times which have survived the stress and strain of the past ten years. Wars and revolutions may convulse humanity. Hardship and distress may stalk the land. Yet towards the end of December people seem to throw off the accumulated trials and worries of the year and for a season to abandon themselves to that elusive spirit of well-doing and merry-making which nineteen centuries have associated with the anniversary of the birth of Christ. Ireland has passed through a year of much tribulation. For six months the country was ravished by civil war, and destruction swept from one end of the Free State to the other. Who would believe in the Dublin of to-day that such things had happened? The streets never were so gay, the shops never so richly stocked with the trifles that beautify the Christmas home. Economic depression has no place in the Dublin of Christmas week. Men and women may be poor during fifty-one weeks of the year, but this week they are spenders of money and they reck not at all of to-morrow's retribution. Christmas week is children's week, and for this brief space in earth's annual journey it is meet that they should enjoy themselves to their heart's content. Soon enough youth will lose its glamour, and the task of life will come knocking at the door of toyland. In the meanwhile Christmas is upon us with its duties, its dreams and its merry children's laughter. This is a season that purges the soul of man of the bitterness and the pessimism which are seeking to destroy it. At Christmas even a Scrooge must feel more kindly towards his fellow-men, and the sight of a Grafton street toy-shop must awaken slumbering memories of youth in the heart of the most cynical curmudgeon.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales has been the guest of Lord Dalmeny at Mentmore Towers, and was hunting with the Tring Draghounds, when there was a large following and excellent sport. The Duke and Duchess of York, who have been spending a few days at Guilsborough House, Northampton, returned to London yesterday.

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Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone, with Viscount Trematon and Lady May Cambridge, will spend Christmas at Kensington Palace. Princess Marie Louise arrived in London yesterday from South Africa, and joined Princess Helena Victoria at Schomberg House.

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The Aga Khan, who has just purchased Captain Greer's stud farm, Sheskoon, is one of the most important Indian potentates. He is the direct descendant of Ali, the nephew and son-in-law of the Prophet Mahomed, and is the spiritual head of the Khoja community of Western India. His full title is H.H. Aga Sultan Sir Muhammad Shah, Aga Khan. When only eleven years old he was granted the rank of Highness, and in 1916 that of a First Class Chief of the Bombay (Presidency), and a salute of eleven guns. His British honours include the G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., and K.C.I.E.

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The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, accompanied by Lady Katherine Hamilton, left London yesterday for Baronscourt, where the Marquis of Hamilton and several other members of the family will join them later in the week. Princess Marie de Cray, who has been staying with her brother at the Belgian Embassy in London, has left for France, and will spend the rest of the winter at Pau. Earl and Countess Soudes have left London for the Riviera and will spend a couple of months at Monte Carlo.

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The Earl of Balfour has arrived at Whittinghame, and will entertain a small house party for Christmas. The Countess of Wilton has gone to Paris for a short stay. Lady James Douglas left London yesterday for Territet. Sir Hall Caine, who has been unwell for some weeks, has left England for St. Moritz.

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Lord and Lady Vernon, the Hon. Mrs. Esmond Harmsworth, Sir Charles Sykes, Sir George Hunter, Sir Charles Gordon, Sir James Currie, Sir Herbert Morgan, Sir Thomas Allen and Dame Clara Butt are among the passengers on the ss. Majestic, which is due at Southampton on Friday from New York.

Captain the Hon. Evan Baillie, whose marriage with Lady Maud Mackintosh took place a few weeks ago, is lying ill in London at the residence of his father-in-law, the Duke of Devonshire. Lady Maud Baillie, who was staying in Derbyshire, hurried back to London on Sunday to be with him.

To meet the present need for economy, Switzers, 88 Grafton street, have opened additional workrooms, where they are reproducing, under personal supervision, about thirty smart French Gowns, reserved to be copied at from 6½ guineas to 13 guineas, at which price their usual collection starts, the well-known standard of which will always be scrupulously maintained.

Charming Collection of Fur Coats, Fur-trimmed Coats and Stoles, suitable for Christmas Presents, at Switzers.

Delightful Dance Frocks for Christmas Festivities.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 George's street.

Christmas Gifts—The useful and practical. Hundreds to select from at Holmes', George's street.

Robert's Christmas Gift Exhibition of Fashion and Fancy Novelties, Useful Household Articles, and an abundance of Good Toys is worth an early visit.—Grafton street.

Beautiful Collection of Afternoon and Evening Gowns in exclusive styles, in Velvet, Silk, and Crepe-de-chine. Charming range of colours.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton st.

Sofa and Chair Cushions, Pouffes, Box Seats, Coseys, Pin Cushions, Hand-embroidered Cushion and Cosey Covers. Good taste combined with reasonable prices.—Robert and Co., 80/83 Grafton street.

Blouses as Christmas Presents. We are reducing all our French Blouses for this week. Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., 11 Wicklow st.

Millinery Models all reduced to clear before stocktaking. Must be cleared.—Robert and Co., Ltd., 80/83 Grafton street.

Grand Hotel, Greystones, for Christmas week. Gala Dinners, Fancy Dress Ball, Carnival Dances.

Sale—Tuesday and Wednesday next, 18th and 19th December.—Barry, 25 Stephen's Green.

Veronica (late Magdy's, Paris) has Special Christmas Sale on this week. Wonderful Reductions.—31 Upper Baggot street.

Mrs. Mercedes D'Alton, 3 Molesworth st., has returned from the London Markets, and is now showing the Latest Models in Afternoon and Evening Frocks.

The "Geisha" Café, South King street, adjoining Gaiety Theatre—When Christmas shopping call for hot luncheons, good teas, home made cakes and scones, chocolates. Real good value.

Useful Presents for the Kiddies. Some Dainty Frocks for the Christmas Parties, sizes 18" to 24", special price, 7s. 11d., at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton st. and 1 and 2 Harry st.

New Coat for Christmas in cinnamon jacquard velours, with sable dyed fur collar, for 8½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton st.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Miss M. E. Woodward, Master Doyne Keogh, H. Sayers, Colonel G. Briggs, Colonel Jameson Davis, Harold Sims, H. Smyth, Miss D. Comerford, Henry Taylor, Henry Dundas, T. J. Corry.

Departures:—George Clune, E. J. Gailey, Phyllis Gillimon, Brian Tickell.

Gift Exhibition and Toy Fair now open at McBirney's.

Warm Underclothing—We are agents for the famous makes, "Jaeger," "Chilprufe," and "Pesco" Underclothing at keenest prices.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton street.

Miss Hayes has an exclusive range of Latest Paris and London Frocks, charming Model Fur-trimmed Coats, and exquisite Furs at attractive prices. A visit to The Salon, 27 South Anne street, will well repay you. Tel. 929.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

THE LUXOR SHRINE.

WORK OF DEMOLITION.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS, Monday.

To-day the second Press view of Tut-ankh-amen's tomb was held. Seven journalists, representing British, American and Belgian newspapers, and one representing an Egyptian newspaper, were admitted on special permits issued by the Ministry of Public Works.

The great shrine stood as described in *The Times* of December 14, with the outer doors removed and the wonderful panels of the inner shrine showing through the wooden frame of the pall. The only difference was that the beautiful cornice had on its ledge boards covered with cotton wool to protect the gilding from pressure during the operation of lifting off the curved roof.

Under the light of a powerful electric reflector specially placed, the visitors had an admirable opportunity of seeing the great shrine in all its splendour, probably for the last time before it is actually taken to pieces.

There were on all sides indications that the work of demolition had started, and much interest was aroused by the wooden wedges inserted between the roof and the cornice, by means of which the heaviest roof sections are being gradually lifted from their positions. A ladder still stood against the front of the shrine, while in the ante-chamber itself were several trays containing cotton wool and the tools and timber required for the dismantling process.

There will be no work in the tomb to-morrow.—(*Times* World Copyright.)

The public is sick of elections, and doesn't want another for years.—Mr. J. A. Spender.

THE SWIFTE FAMILY.

MEMORIES OF DEAN SWIFT.

The recent death in his 60th years of Mr. Godwin Butler Meade Swifte, of Swift's Heath, Kilkenny, the head of the Swifte family in Ireland, has removed an interesting and attractive personality and a splendid specimen of a fast vanishing class of Irish country gentleman, says *The Times*. Mr. Swifte, who was only a few months old on the death of his father, was the owner of large estates, which were heavily embarrassed at the time, but the prudent management and guardianship of his mother (a daughter of Robert Clarke, of Bansha, Co. Tipperary, and a sister-in-law of Lord O'Brien of Kilfenora, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland), placed him on his majority in possession of a considerable and unencumbered property.

Mr. Swifte was educated in St. Columba's College, near Dublin, and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He was widely read, and had travelled extensively. He threw himself heart and soul into the duties of an Irish landlord, and was on excellent terms with his tenants, with whom he shared in the amusements of country life. Having himself a great knowledge of engineering, building, and mechanics, he took a practical interest in the drainage of lands and the improvement of dwellings.

Mr. Swifte served the office of High Sheriff for Co. Kilkenny in 1892, and for Carlow in 1901. He married, in 1909, his cousin Nathalie, daughter of Jerome O'Brien, 28th Regiment. They had no children, and the headship of the Swifte family in Ireland now devolves on Mr. Swifte's cousin, Sir Ednest Godwin Swifte, K.C., who was for many years the Chief Metropolitan Police Magistrate of Dublin.

Though Mr. Swifte's father revived the ancient spelling of Swifte for Swift, many members of the family preferred to retain the form made famous by Jonathan Swift, Dean of St. Patrick's, of whose kinship they were justly proud. Mr. Swifte will be chiefly remembered, not merely for his kindly disposition and his exquisite courtesy, but also for his minute knowledge of the life and career of the Dean. His house, Swift's Heath, which has been in possession of his family since the early 'sixties of the 17th century, is little if at all changed from its appearance in the days of its first owner, Godwin Swift, the Dean's uncle and guardian. The Dean lived at Swift's Heath, from which he used to ride into Kilkenny to the school to which he was sent at six years old. His bedroom as a child is still shown at Swift's Heath.

Mr. Swifte preserved as heirlooms many relics of the Dean, including his baptismal robe and presents given to him by Queen Anne while he was in her favour, and a portrait of him in old age, which is regarded as the most realistic likeness of him extant.

THE GAELIC DRAMATIC LEAGUE.

THREE PLAYS AT THE ABBEY.

There was an all-but-crowded house at the Abbey Theatre last night, when the Gaelic Dramatic League produced three plays in Irish.

The first piece, Tchekov's one-act comedy, "The Proposal," was of indifferent interest, and was the more unsuitable for unpractised actors in that it comprised little but a three-cornered conversation. A well-to-do young man (played by Muiris Ó Catháin, translator of the piece) calls on a farmer and his daughter (well played by Mrs. Houlahan), works himself into such a passion in a quarrel over the ownership of some fields that he faints, and, when he is restored to consciousness, finds himself engaged to the girl, with the father blessing them.

Much more vigorous was the second piece—a translation of Synge's "Riders to the Sea." Here, in a scene typical of the Irish-speaking districts, the Gaelic tongue was heard in its richest beauty, and the acting was most natural. The part of the woman-of-the-house was somewhat unsuitably cast, and those who had seen Sara Allgood's presentation of Synge's Sophoclean character felt that Máire Ní Oisín interpreted the part wrongly, missing the tragic resignation of despair. The part of the elder daughter, played by Máire Ní Ghuairim, was remarkable. So passionate was her acting, culminating in the terrible Gaelic keen for the dead, that she completely dominated the play—which violated the author's intention.

The third piece—a three-scene version of Molière's "*Le Médecin malgré lui*"—was by far the best. The dialogue sparkled, and the exciting plot gave the actors an easy task. Tadhg Ó Scanaill, acting the part of the good-for-nothing carpenter, who pretended to be a doctor and cured the "noble person's" daughter of a strange malady by assisting her to elope with her lover, gave a boisterously humorous presentation, and was well supported by the other actors, especially by Máire Ní Chinnéide, who played the part of his wife, and Mr. Brophy, as a comic footman.

The best thing of the evening, however, was a topical touch that needed no more Gaelic that the famous nod in "The Critic." At the climax of the play, a policeman is called in to arrest the sham doctor. Entered a Civic Guard (Micheál de Paor). He spoke no word, but his salute and his grin as he shook his head refusing a tip for his services, made the house rock as the curtain fell.

OBITUARY.

MR. C. J. P. FARRELL.

The death took place yesterday at his residence, Dublin road, Longford, of Mr. C. J. P. Farrell, aged 47, who had practised as a solicitor in the town and county for twenty years. He was chairman of the War Pensions Committee, a member of the Urban Council, and solicitor to the Ballymahon and Ballymore Rural District Councils, St. Mel's Diocesan Insurance Society, and to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ardagh.

He was a noted sportsman, and familiar figure at all the Irish race meetings, as well as regattas on the Shannon.

MR. H. B. MURRAY.

Mr. Henry Balfour Murray, J.P., a former High Sheriff of Co. Antrim, and a leading Ulster Orangeman, died at his residence, Arnaveigh, Antrim, on Saturday, at the age of 77 years.

Mr. Murray was a Justice of the Peace and District Master of the local Orangemen, a position that he had occupied for very many years. He was a Deputy County Grand Master of the County Grand Lodge.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—The general situation is unchanged. An anti-cyclone continues off our South-West coasts, and depressions to the north of Scotland. Westerly winds are probable, strong at times, in the North, with generally unsettled weather, but considerable fair periods in the South. Temperature will fall temporarily in Scotland, but will continue rather mild further south.

N.W. and N.E. Ireland.—Wind westerly, strong at times, changeable; occasional rain or showers; visibility mainly good; somewhat colder temporarily.

S.E. and S.W. Ireland.—Moderate or fresh westerly winds; occasional slight rain, considerable fair periods; visibility moderate or good; rather mild.

South-West Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland.—Wind westerly, moderate or fresh, strong locally; considerable fair periods, but slight rain in places; visibility mainly good; sea moderate or rather rough.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Wind westerly, fresh or strong, a gale at times in Northern Irish Sea; changeable; occasional rain or showers; visibility mainly good; sea rough.

North-West Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Wind westerly, strong to a gale at times; changeable; occasional rain or showers; visibility mainly good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Monday (5 p.m.)			30.20

SUN.

To-day.....Rises	8.36	Sets	4. 7
To-morrow.. "	8.36	"	4. 7
Lighting-up Time			5. 7

HIGH WATER.

DUBLIN.			
To-day....Morning	7.54	Afternoon	8.15
To-morrow.. "	8.48	"	9. 9
BELFAST.			
To-day....Morning	7.37	Afternoon	7.56
To-morrow.. "	8.27	"	8.45
QUEENSTOWN.			
To-day....Morning	1.35	Afternoon	2.11
To-morrow.. "	2.36	"	3. 6

LONDON LETTER.

LIBERALISM AT THE CROSS ROADS.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
MONDAY NIGHT.

Great interest is being taken in the arrangements for to-morrow's meeting at the National Liberal Club; for on the decision of the Liberal Party much will depend in the near future. Both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George will be present, and, since the Press are to be admitted, it may be almost taken for granted that these leaders have decided upon their programme. If the pronouncement issued by Mr. Lloyd George is at all a guide, it would seem that the Liberals intend to help the Labour Party to turn out the present Government, with the result that Mr. Ramsay Macdonald would be called upon to form a new one. Before that point of view is accepted, however, there is likely to be considerable discussion. Many members of the Liberal Party, in common with many others of the Conservative Party, are by no means anxious to put a Labour Government into power, and both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George will have to consider this body of opinion.

Mr. Asquith's Position.

Mr. Asquith really holds the key to the situation; for he is the leader of the Liberal Party, and Mr. Lloyd George comes some distance after. The latter's party is a shrunken body compared to what it was, and it has to thank the "Wee Free" vote for its existence. Consequently, it is for Mr. Asquith to set the pace, and his lieutenants must follow that or leave the party. Mr. Asquith has had a long spell of office as Prime Minister, and, possibly, the chance of becoming Prime Minister again may not appeal to him with any great force; but a return to power would appeal to his followers. Lord Birkenhead's suggestion, therefore, of a Liberal Government, under Mr. Asquith, may have to enter into the calculations of those present at the meeting to-morrow.

The Reparations Commission.

Sir John Bradbury, the British delegate on the Reparations Commission, has arrived in London to-day to consult with the Treasury as to the selection of three representative financial authorities in London willing to serve on the two committees about to be set up in connection with German reparations. It is not known on whom his choice will fall, but it is reported that they will not be Treasury officials or prominent politicians. When Sir John Bradbury has made his choice he will submit it to the Prime Minister and to Lord Curzon, to suggest to the Reparations Commission; and, if they are approved by the Commission, a formal invitation will be issued to the chosen three to take up the task. It is expected that all three will be City men of standing and influence.

Buying Horses.

For the first time since the war began French and German agents have arrived in England to buy horses of the hunter type suitable for the use of cavalry. Both parties are competing with each other as far as prices are concerned, and the demand is sending up the price. It seems a little extraordinary that Germany should be spending a considerable sum of money on horses when she is announcing that she is almost bankrupt.

Statesmanship and Greed.

There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of those German statesmen who now admit that Germany lost the war, and express their readiness to make reparations within the limits of their capacity. Unfortunately, there is the greatest reason to doubt their power to enforce the increased taxation, on which M. Poincaré rightly insists, and, particularly, their ability to make the German financial magnates disgorge their ill-gotten gains.

The occupation of the Ruhr has certainly made their task more difficult—a fact which France seems, at last, to recognise—but it is not the root cause of Germany's failure to carry out her obligations under the Treaty of Versailles. That must be ascribed to the inherent weakness of successive German Governments, which, while professing to rely upon the German people, have always been afraid to take short order with the Junkers on the one side and the financiers on the other.

The Beggar's Opera.

Remarkable scenes were witnessed at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, to-day on the occasion of the final performance of "The Beggar's Opera" after a run of three and a half years. As in the case of "Our Boys" and "Chu Chin Chow," its longevity has been chiefly due to the persons who have not been content with one or two visits, but have made a habit of seeing it. One of the ladies in the queue, which began to form at six o'clock this morning, confessed to having enjoyed it more than a hundred times, and there were few in to-night's audience who had not seen it at least thirty times before. The record, so far as is known, is held by a piano-tuner at Hammersmith, who has attended more than three hundred out of the 1,463 performances.

A Simple Play.

The play's success has been due to many causes besides the intrinsic excellence of Gay's work. Among these must be reckoned the admirable singing and acting of a very competent cast, which never allowed itself to get "stale," and also, I fancy, the simplicity of the scenery. Really good plays do not require the elaborate setting by which some London managers endeavour to make up for the intrinsic flimsiness of their productions. It is still true that "the play's the thing" to catch the conscience of that capricious monarch, the theatre-going public.

The Aeroplane.

It is the twentieth birthday of the aeroplane to-day; for it is just twenty years since the brothers Wright succeeded in getting their machine to fly a few yards above the ground. The first flight was made at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, U.S.A., and, owing to the cold weather, only five people out of many invited guests turned up to witness what was to prove an epoch-making event. Now flying is general, and in the course of the next few days we may see a passenger entering a most comfortable 'plane at Croydon Aerodrome at nine o'clock in the morning and alighting at Nice in time for dinner.

Shortage of Money.

There is always a demand at the banks during the Christmas season for new money, but this year the demand will almost be in vain. The silver coinage, once so bright and clean-looking, is not so much sought after since it has been debased, and, consequently, the Mint is not issuing a steady stream of new half-crowns for Christmas boxes. With regard to copper money, there is such a glut in the country that the Mint has stopped issuing further supplies for the moment. Some very big users of copper money, such as the gas and tramway companies, have such large supplies in stock that they do not know what to do with them, and it is reported that one bank has several millions of pennies of which it cannot dispose. The Mint buys back superfluous silver, but it will not purchase copper money.

We shall like you English, and we shall trust you as long as the flower of your youth lies side by side with ours on the French soil—that is to say, for ever.—The French Ambassador.

The great position which the United States holds in the world is due to the fact that that country is almost entirely self-reliant as regards its industries.—Sir Travers Clarke.

THE IND[IAN] ELECTION[S].

SWARAJ PAR[TY] GAINS.

OBSTRUCTI[ON] PLEDGE.

THE SITUATIO[N IN] BENGAL.

DAS REFUSES TO [FORM] MINISTRY.

The difficulties which confr[ont the] Government of India have been i[ncreased] by the results of the elections—th[e] under the Act of 1919—to the Pr[ovincial] Legislatures.

The results are not yet comple[te, but] it is clear that the Swaraj Party, [which] demands full self-government, and [fought] the elections with the avowed pur[pose of] wrecking the Constitution, has ha[d sub]stantial gains. It will not be [strong] enough to achieve that purpose, [but it] may be able to make the efficient w[orking] of the Provincial Councils virtuall[y im]possible.

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59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
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Mr. Asquith's Position.

Mr. Asquith really holds the key to the situation; for he is the leader of the Liberal Party, and Mr. Lloyd George comes some distance after. The latter's party is a shrunken body compared to what it was, and it has to thank the "Wee Free" vote for its existence. Consequently, it is for Mr. Asquith to set the pace, and his lieutenants must follow that or leave the party. Mr. Asquith has had a long spell of office as Prime Minister, and, possibly, the chance of becoming Prime Minister again may not appeal to him with any great force; but a return to power would appeal to his followers. Lord Birkenhead's suggestion, therefore, of a Liberal Government, under Mr. Asquith, may have to enter into the calculations of those present at the meeting to-morrow.

The Reparations Commission.

Sir John Bradbury, the British delegate on the Reparations Commission, has arrived in London to-day to consult with the Treasury as to the selection of three representative financial authorities in London willing to serve on the two committees about to be set up in connection with German reparations. It is not known on whom his choice will fall, but it is reported that they will not be Treasury officials or prominent politicians. When Sir John Bradbury has made his choice he will submit it to the Prime Minister and to Lord Curzon, to suggest to the Reparations Commission; and, if they are approved by the Commission, a formal invitation will be issued to the chosen three to take up the task. It is expected that all three will be City men of standing and influence.

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For the first time since the war began French and German agents have arrived in England to buy horses of the hunter type suitable for the use of cavalry. Both parties are competing with each other as far as prices are concerned, and the demand is sending up the price. It seems a little extraordinary that Germany should be spending a considerable sum of money on horses when she is announcing that she is almost bankrupt.

Statesmanship and Greed.

There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of those German statesmen who now admit that Germany lost the war, and express their readiness to make reparations within the limits of their capacity. Unfortunately, there is the greatest reason to doubt their power to enforce the increased taxation, on which M. Poincaré rightly insists, and, particularly, their ability to make the German financial magnates disgorge their ill-gotten gains.

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The Beggar's Opera.

Remarkable scenes were witnessed at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, to-day on the occasion of the final performance of "The Beggar's Opera" after a run of three and a half years. As in the case of "Our Boys" and "Chu Chin Chow," its longevity has been chiefly due to the persons who have not been content with one or two visits, but have made a habit of seeing it. One of the ladies in the queue, which began to form at six o'clock this morning, confessed to having enjoyed it more than a hundred times, and there were few in to-night's audience who had not seen it at least thirty times before. The record, so far as is known, is held by a piano-tuner at Hammersmith, who has attended more than three hundred out of the 1,463 performances.

A Simple Play.

The play's success has been due to many causes besides the intrinsic excellence of Gay's work. Among these must be reckoned the admirable singing and acting of a very competent cast, which never allowed itself to get "stale," and also, I fancy, the simplicity of the scenery. Really good plays do not require the elaborate setting by which some London managers endeavour to make up for the intrinsic flimsiness of their productions. It is still true that "the play's the thing" to catch the conscience of that capricious monarch, the theatre-going public.

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There is always a demand at the banks during the Christmas season for new money, but this year the demand will almost be in vain. The silver coinage, once so bright and clean-looking, is not so much sought after since it has been debased, and, consequently, the Mint is not issuing a steady stream of new half-crowns for Christmas boxes. With regard to copper money, there is such a glut in the country that the Mint has stopped issuing further supplies for the moment. Some very big users of copper money, such as the gas and tramway companies, have such large supplies in stock that they do not know what to do with them, and it is reported that one bank has several millions of pennies of which it cannot dispose. The Mint buys back superfluous silver, but it will not purchase copper money.

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A fire on the Armen Lighthouse, off the Breton coast, came near to ending in grave tragedy. It was witnessed from the rocks of the Island of Sein by the wives and children of the three keepers, whose desperate battle with the flames appeared at one time to offer no hope of their escape.

They were preparing the light on the upper gallery at the fall of night, when they found smoke rising from below. They rushed to the stairway only to be forced back by the fumes. Fire had broken out in the kitchen, where they had used an oil stove to cook a meal. The glass in the gallery above began to crack, and long flames leapt through the windows and mounted above the masonry.

One of the men named Pape, who had been ill for ten days, nevertheless, climbed over the balustrade with his comrades, and slipped with them down the lightning conductor cable to the base of the lighthouse, 120 feet below, where they remained in momentary danger of being swept off their narrow foothold.

The watchers on shore saw to their joy the flames slowly die down until darkness hid the scene, but had to return home without knowing the fate of the men.

The following morning a Government boat put out with help, but it took two hours of manœuvring in the heavy seas before a party could be landed with food and the men brought off. Reliefs were left in charge, and the light was reinstalled the same evening.

CHRISTMAS MAILS.

SUNDAY DELIVERY IN DUBLIN.

It is officially announced that on Sunday next there will be a general delivery of letters and parcels in the city and suburbs only.

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COLOMBIAN EARTHQUAKE.

BORDER TOWN BADLY DAMAGED.

GUAYAQUIL, Sunday.

The earthquake on Saturday destroyed the artillery barracks and the principal church in the town of Tulcan, and almost every house was damaged. Twenty-seven persons lost their lives.

The latest despatches from Colombia confirm that a vast region was affected, and that many small towns have been destroyed.

A detachment of military has been despatched to Tulcan for the purpose of preventing pillage. The earthquake was felt as far as Ibarra, Ecuador.—(Reuter.)

GERMAN EX-CROWN PRINCE.

VISIT TO POTSDAM.

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The former heir to the regal Imperial splendours of Potsdam, ex-Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, spent the week-end near the palaces of his ancestors on his estate at Cecilienhof, near Potsdam, *incognito* and unrecognised by the public. He had obtained permission to go to Potsdam and visit the grave of his mother, and also visit his sons, who are in school there. The police officials assure me that the ex-Crown Prince was not received by any friends.

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EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

FELLOWSHIP FORMED.

A Fellowship has been formed in connection with next year's British Empire Exhibition, with the Prince of Wales as President and first member. In accepting the Presidency the Prince has addressed the following letter:

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The object of the fellowship is to recruit enthusiasts throughout the Empire, of all schools of political thought, to assist Empire trade and industry. It is expected that those who join the fellowship will, for years after the Exhibition has closed, be reminded by their certificate of membership of their responsibilities in this regard.

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LIQUOR-SMUGGLING.

ICEBOATS TO AID OFFICIALS.

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DETROIT.

Iceboats probably will be added to the equipment of the prohibition enforcement unit here in an effort to maintain an effective blockade against liquor running from Canada. The Assistant National Prohibition Commissioner announces that during the last ten days a blockade of unprecedented effectiveness has been maintained along the border from Port Huron to Monroe, Michigan, a distance of approximately a hundred miles.

Mr. Porterfield said that when the ice forms the prohibition forces would concentrate at points where ice crossings are probable. "It is probable [illegible]

CIVIL SERVANTS WANT BIGGER BONUS.

20 ARRESTS IN A PARIS DEMONSTRATION.

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The extremist section of the civil servants organised a demonstration this evening to protest against the Government's refusal to grant a bonus of 1,800 francs as compensation for the increased cost of living instead of the 750 francs granted to employés in the public services.

Strict precautionary measures were taken by the Government, and several parties of demonstrators, who were marching to the Place de l'Opera, which had been selected as the meeting place, were dispersed by the police, twenty arrests being made. One of the demonstrators was injured.—(Reuter.)

GREEK ELECTIONS.

M. VENIZELOS GETS A MAJORITY.

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ATHENS, Monday.

Yesterday's elections passed off in perfect order, and, despite active propaganda and organised abstention on the part of the Constantinists, the polling was heavier than at the last elections.

The Liberals have gained from the Republicans, and, judging from the results so far known, they will have about 250 seats in the assembly, whereas the Republicans will have barely 120.

The new Government will be formed by the Liberals, most probably by M. Venizelos. This may be either from the day when the President of the Assembly is elected or immediately, if M. Venizelos consents to return at once.

In Athens 60,000 voters out of a little over 100,000 went to the poll, and the proportion seems to have been much the same throughout the country. The Republicans in Athens voted for the most part against M. Venizelos, a fact at which Colonel Plastiras has expressed his regrets. Colonel Plastiras characterises the result as a definite defeat of the old Opposition parties.

Reuter's Agency says that the Peloponnesus, which was regarded as the Constantinian stronghold, has rejected the Opposition candidates, including King Constantine's last Prime Minister, and all his group, while M. Papanastasiou and his supporters have secured election. It is maintained in Greek circles in London that these results express the true feeling of the country, and show that there is every prospect of Greece enjoying a period of settled constitutional government.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS ABANDONED.

Owing to suspected cases of foot-and-mouth disease being reported yesterday in two parts of Doncaster rural area, the Doncaster Christmas Fat Stock Show, fixed to be held to-day, has been abandoned.

Yesterday for the first time in its hundred years' existence there was no Christmas fat stock show at Newcastle Cattle Market, which remained closed because of foot-and-mouth disease. Provision has been made for meat supplies through other channels.

Fresh cases of disease in the North-Eastern area continue to be reported.

OUTBREAK AT BRADFORD.

A case of foot-and-mouth disease was discovered yesterday at St. James's Municipal Abattoir, Bradford.

The abattoir has been closed for disinfection.

COST OF LIVING.

INCREASE OF TWO POINTS IN BRITAIN.

According to the Ministry of Labour *Gazette*, the average level of retail prices in Great Britain on December 1 was approximately 77 per cent. above pre-war, as compared with 75 per cent. a month ago and 80 per cent. a year ago.

For food alone the corresponding percentage on December 1st was 76 against 73 a month earlier. The November rise is mainly due to increased prices of eggs, butter, sugar, potatoes, and milk.

MEXICAN PUZZLE.

REBEL CLAIMS.

NEW YORK, Monday.

Advices from the Government side in the Mexican conflict are almost completely lacking.

General Obregon, having organised his forces in the west, would appear to have temporarily abandoned the Guadalajara campaign, and seems to be turning his attention to rebel thrusts from Vera Cruz.

The rebels say that they hold Guebla City and Quauntla (the latter only forty-six miles south-east of the capital). These two cities form the base of a triangle, of which the apex is Mexico City.—(Reuter.)

COMRADE ESSENINE.

CLASSIC DANCER'S HUSBAND SHOCKS COMMUNISTS.

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RIGA, Monday.

Serge Essenine, the Communist poet and husband of Isadora Duncan, the American classic dancer, is now facing trial before a "Comrades' Court" of the Communist Party on the charge of behaviour unbecoming to a Communist.

The Moscow *Pravda*, commenting upon the likelihood of ousting him from the Communist Party, writes:—"Abroad, enjoying the hospitality of *bourgeois* countries, Comrade Essenine, when he transgressed the bounds of decency, was merely thrown out of restaurants and private houses. His conduct is a disgrace to all Communists, and the degenerate orgies staged by him and his poet friends are a disgrace to Moscow."

SEAL HUNTING RIGHTS.

NORWAY GIVEN VALUABLE RUSSIAN CONCESSION.

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CHRISTIANIA, Monday.

The Soviet Government has given the Norwegian Union of Sealers a concession to hunt for seals in the Northern Russian waters.

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BRITISH HEALTH MINISTER ORDERED A REST.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, British Minister of Health, as the result of overwork for many months past, has been ordered by his medical advisers to take a complete rest before Parliament meets. Accordingly, with the assent of the Prime Minister, he has left with Lady Joynson Hicks for Bordighera, where he will deal only with urgent letters and matters of Ministerial importance.

CHRISTMAS POULTRY.

The reports from country fairs state that supplies of turkeys are fairly good and that the quality is well up to the average. The price varies from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 9d. a pound, according to the distance from Dublin, apparently.

Geese are plentiful, and are being sold at 8d. a pound. Ducks are 3s. each, and [illegible] pair.

GREATER DUBLIN.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION.

COMMISSION'S WIDE POWERS.

The following report was issued by the Government Publicity Department last night:—

"Arising out of the general movement in favour of administrative reform in the City of Dublin and its adjoining townships, a deputation was received to-day by Mr. Seamus Burke, Minister of Local Government. The deputation, which was introduced by Mr. Dan MacCarthy, T.D., included Senator James Moran, President of the Greater Dublin Movement; Alderman J. H. Clark, High Sheriff of Dublin; Mr. James Shanks, President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce; Mr. W. Mills Forsyth, Mr. Findlater, M.A.; Mr. Charles McGloughlin, and Mr. E. A. Aston, Hon. Secretary to the Greater Dublin Movement.

"In the statement submitted to the Minister the members of the deputation explained that they did not appear as advocates of an immediate extension of the boundaries of the City of Dublin, nor as advocates of amalgamation. The definite proposal submitted was in favour of the appointment of a State Commission, whose purview would include the County Borough, the Port and Docks Board, the County Council, as representing Rathmines, Pembroke, Blackrock, Dun Laoghaire, Dalkey, Killiney, and Howth Urban Districts; the North Dublin and South Dublin and Rathdown No. 1 Rural District Councils, together with such public utility undertakings working under public statutes as the various railway companies, tramway companies, and lighting companies, whose operations affect the area of Greater Dublin.

COMMISSION'S TASK.

"The members of the deputation laid especial stress upon the fact that Dublin is now not only the national capital, but is the Free State headquarters of traffic, commerce, industry and education. Having regard to the complicated national function of the capital city, it was urged that Greater Dublin should be regarded both as a national asset and a national liability.

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"(1) To prepare definite proposals for the common administration of road transport, electricity supply, housing, drainage, and, say, Fire Brigade and ambulance services in Greater Dublin;

"(2) Confer with local authorities and other parties affected by such proposals; and,

"(3) In the event of disagreement by a minority of the parties concerned, to draft and present provisional orders to the Oireachtas in support of the proposals of the Commission.

"It was further suggested that an Advisory Council of, say, 20 members appointed by local authorities and public utility undertakings in the area of Greater Dublin might be constituted to confer with the proposed Statutory Commission.

MINISTER'S REPLY.

"In his reply, the Minister of Local Government admitted the force of the arguments of the deputation, and stated that he was personally impressed by the proposals which had been submitted. He further expressed his personal view that the suggestions outlined should be considered in definite relationship to the reorganisation of local government throughout the Saorstat.

"He was inclined to the view that the case had been made for a Greater Dublin Commission of Inquiry to examine the proposals of the deputation with a view to the application of the principles proposed at an early date. He suggested that the members of the deputation should meet him again early in January, when he would be prepared to make a considered reply.

"The deputation unanimously agreed to this course, and the proceedings were adjourned."

TRAMP STEAMER LOST.

CAPTAIN RESCUES SHIP'S CAT.

The crew of twenty-nine of the tramp steamer Somersby, 6,700 tons, which foundered off Cape Finisterre last Saturday week, were landed at Liverpool yesterday. The captain, who was the last to leave the sinking ship, boarded the rescuing vessel with the Somersby's cat in his arms.

THE LOST ARMAGH.

As reported in the later editions of yesday's *Irish Times*, the Federal liner Armagh, 12,500 tons, stranded on the revetment at the mouth of the Mersey on Saturday night and became a complete wreck. The crew of ninety-seven, four stowaways, and three passengers were rescued under great difficulties in heavy weather.

The Armagh had a large consignment of linen from twelve Belfast firms in her cargo.

GERMAN REQUEST.

LOAN TO PROVIDE FATS AND CEREALS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Monday.

The German Government has asked the Reparations Commission to suspend the priority reserved by the Treaty of Versailles for inter-Allied claims in respect of reparations in favour of a loan not exceeding 70,000,000 dollars, to be contracted abroad, for the purchase of breadstuffs and fats to make good the shortage in her home supplies during the first seven months of next year.

It is estimated by Germany that 1,500,000 extra tons of cereals will be required, also 70,000 extra tons of fat, to meet the vital needs of the German population.

Foreign banks have agreed in principle to grant a loan of from 50,000,000 to 70,000,000 dollars, to be repaid in three years, but make the condition that it should have precedence over Reparations payments.

The Note delivered to the Commission by Herr Fischer, Chairman of the War Debts Commission here, will probably be examined on Wednesday, when Sir John Bradbury is expected to be back from London.

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE.

PIVOT OF THE EMPIRE.

Speaking at the unveiling of a war memorial at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Memorial Hall at Epping, New South Wales, Mr. Bowden, the Minister for Defence, said:—"I am looking forward to the time when Australia will be the central pivot of the British Empire. I believe that in a hundred years there will be in Australia as many, if not more, people than there are in Great Britain to-day. This is not an extravagant vision. I believe Australia is destined to be the greatest Commonwealth of the British Empire."

Mr. Bowden said that, from the point of view of defence, Australia was as dependent on the British Empire to-day as it was 135 years ago.

"SERIOUS DISCORD."

DISUNION AMONG RUSSIAN COMMUNIST LEADERS.

RIGA, Monday.

Messages from Moscow state that the Communist Party's new programme, which was proclaimed on December 5, involving an extensive freedom of speech among the lower rank Communists, has caused serious discord among the party leaders.

On December 11 Kamenev was forced to defend himself against the attacks of Kapronov, Preobrazhensky, Smirnov, and others, who accused the party's Central Committee of arrogating to themselves too much authority. Kamenev, in replying, reproached Radek for supporting the malcontents, and warned the members against converting the new reform into a mere struggle for power.

The official Soviet Press states that the situation is most grave, and that the only salvation consists in the party preserving complete unity while accomplishing reforms.—(Reuter.)

"EVE OF BIG MOVE TOWARDS PEACE."

GERMANY'S HOPES FOR A GENERAL SETTLEMENT.

NO DEFINITE NEWS OF AN AMERICAN LOAN.

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Monday.

The British Government has been kept fully informed of every development in the new Franco-German situation. I learn that if Germany considers that the outcome of the conversations inaugurated in Paris and Brussels are satisfactory, she will ask the Allies to join in a conference for a general settlement. It is possible that we are on the eve of a big move towards peace.

The British Government feels that steps towards a settlement of reparations taken by the Reparations Commission would afford greater hope of success than action taken by any one of the Allied Governments independently. It is pointed out that it would be a mistake to assume that the Commission will limit its activities to the setting up of the two Expert Committees. The policy of all the Allies just now is to play direct into its hands, and it is possible that if the present spirit of conciliation is maintained the Commission may take further steps in the direction of settlement.

It is significant, too, that a high authority stated to-day that Germany places her greatest hopes of an eventual settlement on the two Expert Committees. The results of the negotiations in Paris, he added, are as yet too vague to permit optimism. But even if they break down, the hope afforded by the experts inquiry remains.

No definite information has reached London regarding a Washington rumour of a huge loan for Germany to be floated in the United States. It is, however, symptomatic of the movement of world opinion. Undoubtedly, American financiers would be willing to assist the rehabilitation of Germany immediately some clear-cut decision as to the future of reparations is reached.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

EXPENSES OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATION.

With reference to a statement circulated yesterday, to the effect that the Free State Government had decided to stop, as from the end of this month, its £50,000 grant for the medical certification of insured persons under the National Health Insurance Scheme for sickness and disablement benefits, Sir Joseph Glynn, Chairman of the National Health Insurance Commission, told an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday that the State grant from which the Irish doctors were paid for the issue of medical certificates to insured persons was granted in 1913 as an equivalent to the State grants in Great Britain in aid of medical benefit. These grants in Great Britain were stopped in the spring of 1922, and the Government of Northern Ireland also stopped the State grant for medical certification in their area.

With the disappearance of the grant in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the matter was also considered by the Free State authorities. The Insurance Commission, however, felt that a very serious position would arise if the cost of certification was placed on the funds of approved societies, and, as a result of their representations to the Government, the grant was continued for the years 1922 and 1923; but the Government recently, in pursuance of their policy of retrenchment, informed the Commissioners that the State could no longer provide the grant for certification, and that the money would have to be provided from other sources.

The Commissioners, in the autumn of 1923, took actuarial advice as to how the demand of the Government could be met, and negotiations are at present pending between the Commissioners and the doctors on the one side and the Commissioners and the approved societies on the other for the provision of the necessary funds. It is the intention of the Commissioners to ask both the doctors and the societies to do their part in saving the State funds.

Sir Joseph added that there was no question of stopping the £50,000. It would be provided from other sources—namely, the insurance societies—and would be raised by taking 3d. off the doctors and 3d. off the societies.

BRITISH FARMERS AND POLITICIANS.

PERMANENT AGRICULTURAL POLICY NEEDED.

Sir Herbert Matthews, Secretary of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, has addressed the following letter to the leaders of the three political parties—the Prime Minister, Mr. H. H. Asquith, and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald:—

"Sir,—In pursuance of the resolution unanimously adopted by the Council of the Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture on 11th inst., I am directed to urge upon you the eminent desirability of an immediate conference taking place between yourself and the leaders of the other two political parties in the State, with a view to an agreement being reached as to the basis of permanent agricultural policy, such as will, by an assurance of continuity, bring a feeling of security and confidence to all classes of the agricultural community."

GIRL POISONER.

END OF SENSATIONAL TRIAL IN VIENNA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
VIENNA, Monday.

No criminal trial that has taken place here for many years past has been followed with such intense interest as one which ended, when Milica Virkobrankovics, a beautiful girl of 22, was sentenced to 3½ years' imprisonment for attempted murder.

Milica is an ex-schoolmistress, and is said to belong to an ancient princely family. She was accused of having attempted to poison, by white lead, the wife and two sons of a rich bookseller, whose secretary and mistress she had been, in order to make marriage with her lover possible, as the latter refused to divorce his wife. The accused mixed over one pound of white lead with flour and sugar bought for the household, so that all the members of the family fell seriously ill.

The affair caused all the greater sensation as five years ago Milica was charged with having attempted to poison the wife of a school inspector by arsenic and phosphorus in order to marry the widower. She was then sent to prison for two years.

RUMANIAN PETROLEUM FIELDS.

BUCHAREST, Monday.

The Government has decided to approve the restoration of the freedom of trade in petroleum. The export of crude petroleum will remain prohibited, but petroleum products will be free of export taxes. In the case of petrol of all qualities, the export tax will be 8 lei per 100 kilogrammes. All oil-producing enterprises must supply the needs of the railways and navigation. The needs of the domestic market, therefore, will enjoy priority. A Government Commissioner will supervise the distribution of oil at prices not exceeding, at the utmost, the world prices.—(Reuter.)

STRONG HAND IN TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday.

The Tribunal of Independence has ordered eleven further arrests, including a former deputy of Constantinople and a former Governor of Koniah.—(Reuter.)

EX-KAISER'S LIBEL ACTION.

YACHT INCIDENT.

"SUICIDE AFTER SLAPPING EMPEROR'S FACE."

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
DORTMUND, Monday.

The extraordinary case in which the ex-Kaiser charges Dr. von der Heydt, editor of the *Dortmunder General Anzeiger*, with libel, was begun in the District Court here to-day.

Last year the *General Anzeiger* published a series of sensational articles, entitled: "From the Life of a Crown Lunatic," dealing with various aspects of the history of the Hohenzollerns. Both the ex-Kaiser and the ex-Crown Prince were freely attacked.

The present case, however, concerns only one article, re-printed from a *brochure* by Admiral Persius, which referred to the well-known story concerning the ex-Kaiser and a young naval officer who is stated to have committed suicide, following an incident on board the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, on the occasion of the ex-Kaiser's visit to the coast of Norway in the summer of 1897.

Dr. Hahn, representing the ex-Kaiser, stated that the case had been instituted in order that the story, which was widely published, particularly in British newspapers, might be contradicted once for all.

Dr. Max Frank, for the defence, replied that the proper time for such a *dementi* was when the story first appeared, and not many years after, when the most important witnesses, who might have been called to support, were either dead or had been lost sight of.

Herr Hans Auli, a German ex-officer, at present a bank clerk in Dortmund, and the first witness to be heard, gave sensational evidence. He stated that in 1897 his brother (now dead) was an officer in the German Army, stationed at Dortmund, where he mixed freely with German naval officers, among whom the incident which had occurred in connection with the voyage of the Hohenzollern were the common subject of discussion. His brother had repeated the stories in question to him.

According to his version, a certain Lieutenant von Hahnke was on intimate terms with the Emperor. One day on board the Hohenzollern the Kaiser was laughing and joking with his officers. He was apparently the worse for drink, stated the witness, and was behaving quite freely. The Kaiser appeared to have been tickling Lieutenant von Hahnke, who retaliated by playfully slapping the Kaiser's face.

The Emperor's attitude changed instantly. He sprang to his feet, and left the room without addressing another word to the lieutenant. That afternoon Lieutenant von Hahnke met with his end. There was some talk at the time of a "Court of Honour," which was stated to have ordered the young officer to atone with his life for the insult which he had offered to his Emperor.

The witness's brother told him that there could be no question regarding the manner in which Lieutenant von Hahnke died. He landed from the Hohenzollern and took a cycle to the top of an incline ending at the summit of a cliff. Then, mounting the machine, von Hahnke allowed it to carry him over the edge of the cliff to his doom.

Count Klatam-Gallarmund, formerly a naval officer, and for nine years attached to the Kaiser's personal staff, denied the truth of the story.

The Kaiser, he stated, met with an accident to his eye on the day in question while walking on the promenade deck of the Hohenzollern. It was a windy day and a spar struck the Emperor's head, wounding his eye.

Lieutenant von Hahnke, the witness maintained, met his death accidentally.

Cross-examined, the witness said that the Kaiser had caused a memorial to be erected on the scene of the tragedy, and made a speech when it was unveiled. This, he said, was quite an extraordinary mark of favour.

The defence then applied for permission to read translations of articles concerning the case, which were said to have appeared some years ago in *Truth*, but this was refused in the absence of original copies of the paper.

The President of the Court read a long series of evidence given on commission by officers who were present on the Hohenzollern at the time that Lieutenant von Hahnke met with his death. There was agreement that his death was accidental.

The hearing was adjourned.

ESCAPED MILITARY OFFICER.

THE SEARCH IN THE FREE STATE.

It was reported yesterday that the Army lieutenant, who escaped from the custody of the Civic Guard at Tralee last week, had been arrested, but the report has not been confirmed.

The lieutenant and five soldiers were arrested after the shooting of a young man named Brosnan in the village of Scartaglin, and were taken to Tralee. The officer succeeded in getting away during the night.

It is believed that he is trying to make his way into Northern Ireland, with the object of leaving the country. All the ports in the Free State are watched, and descriptions of the missing officer have been circulated all over Ireland.

At 2 a.m. on Monday morning the Civic Guard at Mallow arrested three men who were in a motor lorry. The missing man was not one of them.

A report that the lieutenant had been seen in Drogheda on Sunday has proved to be unfounded.

CHINESE CRIMINALS.

CRIMES ORDINANCE AT SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, Monday.

As a result of a number of crimes of violence and extortion by Chinese, mostly aliens, against other Chinese, the Legislature has passed a Crimes Ordinance containing stringent penalties and punishments, including the "cat."

The measure includes a general search for arms in the street.—(Reuter.)

THE MISSING AIRMAN.

An aeroplane chartered by Mr. Jackson, a member of the Sperry Gyroscope Company, was used yesterday afternoon for an exhaustive search along the coast at Hastings for the body of Mr. Sperry, the missing airman. After flying along a wide stretch of coast, and going well out to sea, no discovery was reported to the coastguard. Several more pieces of a large aeroplane were picked up by the Hastings coastguard yesterday, but none of the pieces bear any identification mark, except that they are all painted blue.

COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING LINE

LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA
(By Mail).

Mr. H. B. Larkin, Chairman of the Board of Control of the Commonwealth Shipping Line, who was entertained recently by the Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures, said that he would do his best to bring about an improvement in the service by replacing the slow and old ships with more modern steamers. It was necessary that Australia should have its own mercantile marine in time of emergency.

Referring to the two new Commonwealth liners that were building at Sydney, he said that they would be a credit to Australia, and would have plenty of insulated space for the carriage of perishable products.—(Reuter.)

POWER OF THE LIBERALS.

The *Daily News* says:—It is an illuminating comment on the realities of the present political situation that the Liberal Party meeting to-day should admittedly be the most important event since the general election. There is no question of the power which the result of the election has placed in the hands of the Liberals. They can, within limits, make almost what they like of the singular situation which has arisen. It is perfectly true that to-day's meeting is of great importance to the future of the country; for the future of the Liberal Party it is probably decisive.

ARCHBISHOP'S DANCE BAN.

CONDEMNS TANGO, FOX-TROT, AND EVEN THE POLKA

"REVIVED PAGANISM."

TORONTO, Monday.

Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, in a Pastoral Letter which has been read in all the churches of the Archdiocese, declares that he strongly condemns "those dances which are lascivious either in themselves, such as the tango, fox-trot, turkey-trot, camel-trot, shimmy, cheek-to-cheek, one-step, two-step, and others of the same kind, regardless of the name they bear or in the manner in which they are danced, such as the waltz, polka, and others which are commonly lasciviously danced now.

"We strongly condemn those dances as being directly proximate occasions of sin, and expressly forbid them throughout our whole diocese, so that if anyone, which God forbid, dare indulge in them or permit them to be danced in his house that person will commit the grave sin of disobedience."

The Pastoral also condemns immodest styles in dress as another form of revived Paganism. —(*Times* telegram.)

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

CONFERENCE PROMISES

UNEASINESS OF OVERSEAS PRIME MINISTERS.

The Times in a leading article observes:—On the eve of his departure from our shores Mr. Massey, the veteran Prime Minister of New Zealand, has shown that he shares in some measure the uneasiness for the fate of the resolutions of the Imperial Conference which General Smuts expressed in Johannesburg at the end of last week. This feeling is intelligible in the circumstances, but we trust and believe that it will prove to be unfounded. The British Government which was in office during the Conference has fallen, but the promises which it made in the name of the nation to the sister nations of the Dominions are pledges not less solemn and binding than treaty obligations entered into by Ministers with a foreign State. Promises of both classes need, of course, ratification by Parliament, but Parliament, we have little doubt, will approach such promises to the Dominions in the spirit in which it would approach engagements similarly given by a fallen Administration to another Power.

In all ordinary conditions it would feel morally bound to confirm and to execute undertakings entered into by the Ministers of the Crown. The obligation is strong even when the other parties to a convention are strangers. It is stronger when they are our fellow-subjects. The Dominion Prime Ministers at these Imperial Conferences represent their countries, not the parties in those countries which happen to be in power. Their British colleagues are in the same position. It has seemed useful to state with some fulness the anxieties of the two Dominion Prime Ministers, although we shall refuse to share them until there is irrefragable evidence that they have some solid foundation. Evidence of the sort does not appear to exist at present. There has been wild talk in floods about all kinds of questions, but that is a common extravagance at election times. There is strong common-sense among the masses of the British democracy, and that sense teaches them that the issues raised by any suspicion of bad faith towards the sister democracies of the Dominions would be very wide and grave, indeed. They know that those Dominions have the same general views and the same aspirations as themselves. They know that in a world still reeling under the shock of war the British Empire stands firm, and that its widely scattered peoples remain one in their belief in its ideals and their faith in its destiny.

That declaration of the Conference commands the approval of their understanding and stirs the warmest and the deepest feelings of their hearts. They will not lightly suffer these common ideals to be overclouded and this common destiny to be imperilled. General Smuts and Mr. Massey are not to be blamed for their fears. But their love of this new bulwark for the cause of men reared on the foundations of the old has beguiled them. We do not believe that any English party, or combination of parties, would think of giving substance to their alarms.

DIRECT CONVENTIONS.

THE CRUCIAL QUESTION.

Commenting editorially upon the Conventions which have been conducted during the last few days between the French and German Governments, *The Times* remarks that M. Poincaré has at last admitted that passive resistance has ceased, and has indicated the possibility of some modification of the *régime* in the occupied areas. If, proceeds *The Times*, he had recognised the cessation of passive resistance at the time when this weapon was openly abandoned by the Stresemann Government in September, the position of France, of Germany, and even of Great Britain, might have been very different at this moment. For the rest M. Poincaré makes no answer to the crucial question that constitutes the essence of the German appeal.

Reparations, he points out, are a matter for the Reparations Commission, and the administration of the Ruhr and the Rhineland is the concern of the various occupying authorities. Meanwhile, events are taking their own course, and the devious and difficult ways by which closer relations are being established between Germany and France are certainly of particular interest to this country. For the moment, perhaps, it is more important to watch the movements of the German heavy industry than those of the distracted and bewildered German State. The committees that are now being constituted by the Reparations Commission ought soon to be in a position to throw a clearer light on these difficult problems.

M. POINCARE'S REPLY.

KEEPING OPEN THE DOOR.

In a message from Paris last night, *The Times* Correspondent states:—It is not claimed that the reply of M. Poincaré to the German demand to enter into direct conversations of Government with Government carries us much farther, but diplomatic circles here insist that the French Prime Minister has been careful to keep open the door for negotiation. The limitations which he has put upon the conversations certainly seem to be severe. Officials, however, declare that M. Poincaré should be understood as indicating the possibility of considering proposals on any subject whatever, provided it is understood that Inter-Allied matters will be sent to the Inter-Allied organisations to be dealt with by them. The suggestion is, in short, that the French Prime Minister is merely anxious, having regard to the legal position, to avoid the charge of ignoring the Allies, and, therefore, cautiously refers Germany to the Inter-Allied institutions, while not declining himself to take notice of any German observations.

RUSSIAN COMMUNISTS.

LEADERS QUARRELLING.

The Times Riga Correspondent telegraphed yesterday:—The dissensions within the Russian Communist Party have grown to serious proportions. The faint but threatening murmur of discontent which recently forced the Central Committee of the Communist Party to proclaim an abrupt change of policy with regard to the organisation of the party—allowing the rank and file to express their opinions more freely—has swelled to an uproar of mutual recrimination among the most influential leaders.

Radek has declared that the party is already split into factions.

HIGH RATES AND IDLENESS.

THE LORD MAYOR'S POSITION.

PAVING THE WAY FOR ECONOMY.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin yesterday, at a meeting of the Corporation, ruled out of order recommendations as to the reorganisation of the clerical staff of the Electricity and Public Lighting Committee, and a revision of salaries.

In stating his reasons for taking this step, the Lord Mayor said—As the financial affairs of the country are in a transitory stage, as unemployment is more general than it has been ever before, as stark, naked hunger has entered the homes of thousands of our people, particularly in this city, I think it is the duty of this Corporation to save every penny that they can legitimately, and pave the way for a reduced rate in the coming year.

In my opinion it is high rates, increases of salaries, the pensioning of officials who are well able to work, and high wages to the few, which prevents industries from flourishing, causes unemployment and starvation, and, coupled with the wanton and deliberate destruction which has taken place during the past six years, causes most, if not all, of our misery to-day. Consequently, I have made up my mind for the short time that I may be here to rule out every expenditure, whether it is provided in the estimates or not, except where it is absolutely necessary for the carrying on of the work of the Corporation in the interests of the citizens.

I know that this action will meet with strenuous opposition. I will be told that I am trampling on the rights of members. I know that I will be threatened with legal proceedings, as I have been already, but these are times, as in the past, when a man who occupies the position of Lord Mayor of Dublin has to take many risks. I think that the members of the Council will stand behind me in this matter. (Hear, hear.) As this expenditure, in my opinion, as I am sure it is in yours, is not necessary for carrying on the work of the city in the interests of the citizens, I rule this whole report out of order.

Mr. Raul said that the report was prepared by the Committee, who had the interests of the city at heart, as well as the Corporation, and it ought to receive consideration.

Lord Mayor—I rule it out of order.

The discussion on the matter then ended.

VACANT ALDERMANSHIP.

By 17 votes to 9 it was decided to declare vacant the seat of Alderman held by Captain Sean McGarry, who had not attended meetings of the Corporation for six months.

A list of those members of the Council who had been absent for six months was read.

The High Sheriff (Alderman Hubbard Clark) said that it seemed to him that, having dealt with Captain McGarry, they should deal with other absentees.

The Lord Mayor said that the others had not been disqualified.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND WAGES.

Mr. McIntyre said that some time ago the Ministry of Local Government notified the Streets Committee (of which he was Chairman) that they were prepared to give £10,190 for road work. One of the conditions was that the money would be spent on trunk roads, and the second was that the men to be employed, as far as possible, should be ex-Army men. The Streets Committee considered these conditions very carefully, and sent a deputation to wait upon the Minister, and they pointed out that if the money was to be spent on main roads it would be of little avail as far as Dublin was concerned, as all the trunk roads were in a good condition. They suggested that the money might be expended on a new road which it was proposed to make at Malahide, and also in repairing other roads. They received a letter on December 5th from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that they were prepared to consider the suggestions of the Corporation on the matter of improvement of thoroughfares which were not trunk roads, but that the wages should not exceed £2 10s. a week.

The Committee wrote in reply that they did not consider that £2 10s. a week was a reasonable wage for men working on the streets, and asking the Local Government Department for a reply by the 17th. That morning he got a letter from the Minister, stating that he hoped to furnish a definite reply to the letter during the week. He got into touch with the Ministry that morning, and he was asked for another day or two to enable the Ministry to consider the matter and to further consider the question of wages. He asked the Corporation to hold over its decision on the matter until they got a reply. They might settle the matter. It was up to everyone to do what he could to secure employment for the unfortunate men who were going about Dublin at present. The state of Dublin, as far as unemployment was concerned, was the worst that he ever remembered.

The Lord Mayor—It is appalling.

THE SACKVILLE STREET RUINS.

Mr. McIntyre said that this was about the worst period that Dublin had ever gone through. He had been considering the question of clearing the sites in Upper O'Connell street. He was wondering who was responsible for the delay in the matter. He understood that the Reconstruction Committee was in charge of this matter, and he would like to see them getting a move on. He suggested that the owners of the destroyed property and the Reconstruction Committee should meet for the purpose of arranging for the clearance of the sites, and the Streets Committee would give all the assistance possible, and remove the stuff and use it in connection with the promenade at Clontarf. He understood that a draft bill was in existence in connection with this matter, and that a copy of it was sent to the Local Government Department some time ago, and pressure ought to be brought to bear on the Government to get this bill through the Dail.

Mr. P. T. Daly described the letter from the Local Government Department dealing with wages as an impertinent one. They wanted to send men who had risked their lives, and who were now being demobilised, to cut down the wages of the workers. They were anxious to get rid of the English Local Government Board. They did get rid of them; but, though the name was changed, the same Roman hand was controlling the affairs. Economy was to be everywhere, except in the salaries of the Ministers. He was not going to assist employers to reduce the wages of the workers for the sake of a measly grant of £10,190. He protested against the Government using soldiers who were being demobilised to "scab" on the working men.

UNSKILLED LABOUR.

Alderman Hubbard Clark said that the members of the Streets Committee, realising that unemployment was rampant in the city, went to the Local Government Board and asked them to assist them in trying to relieve unemployment, and the reply was that they were prepared to give £10,190 towards road-making, and they stipulated a maximum wage of £2 10s. a week. He had no intention of discussing the causes of unemployment, or whether the remuneration was right or wrong; but he had to remind Mr. Daly that this was for unemployment, and it was not ordinary labourers or artisans who would be employed. He suggested that many of the men who

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would be employed, however willing they may be, would not give £1 worth of value for the £2 10s. It was only a temporary measure, and £2 10s. would enable a larger number of men to be employed than if the wages were higher.

The members should consider that a number of the men who would be employed never, perhaps, handled a shovel in their lives. On the other side of the Channel, where the country was much wealthier, the wage for workers was £2 a week, increasing to £2 10s. after six months. He thought that they ought not to turn this down, because there was always the possibility of losing a reasonable offer.

Mr. M. J. Moran said that it was clearly understood that no grant would be given to the Dublin Corporation if they insisted on paying the rate of wages which they were paying at present.

On the motion of Alderman Shields, seconded by Councillor Doyle, the matter was referred to the Streets Committee, with power to arrange with the Local Government Department; and, if they could not arrange terms, that a special meeting of the Corporation be called.

It was decided, on the motion of Councillor McIntyre, to summon a meeting of the owners of the destroyed property in Upper Sackville street, and also the Reconstruction Committee, on December 31, with a view to arranging for the clearing of the sites.

THE PRICE OF MILK.

In connection with the report of the Housing, Workshops and Supplies Committee dealing with the tender for milk to the Tuberculosis Hospital, Pigeon House road, it was pointed out by Mr. Logue that while milk was supplied there at 1s. 8d. per gallon for twenty gallons private householders were paying 2s. 7d. or 2s. 8d. a gallon.

A letter from Lady Beattie thanking the Council for its expression of sympathy on the death of Alderman Sir Andrew Beattie was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Drumcondra and Glasnevin School Attendance Committee intimating that the Committee had decided to increase the salaries of the two lady school attendance inspectors by £20 a year, with a view to placing them on the same scale as male inspectors. They asked the Council to approve of the recommendation.

The Lord Mayor said that this money was being paid by an outside body, and therefore did not come within the scope of his previous ruling.

Alderman Hubbard Clark proposed that the increase be not approved, but got no seconder.

Mr. Logue's resolution that the increase be approved was passed.

RUSH TO THE RIVIERA.

WHAT IT COSTS TO WINTER THERE.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NICE, Mid-December.

Not a sleeping berth would be available for the next three days, they told me in Paris, when I inquired about the journey to Nice.

This year the rush to the Riviera has begun earlier than usual, and hotels which twelve months ago had hardly yet made their toilette for the season are now busy with a hundred guests. They say the exchange—80 francs to the £ sterling, and over 18 to the dollar—and the weather are accountable for it.

Especially the weather. The murk and misery of London seem to-day the unpleasant unrealities of a bad dream here, where pretty girls promenade in white shoes, and men sun themselves in lounge suits, as if summer were still here. If summer were made of sunshine alone it would be here, indeed, for the sky is almost cloudless and the whole glorious panorama of the Azure Coast flooded in golden light and mild airs.

We are in December, nevertheless, and if tall palms, and orange groves, and climbing roses on the hill slopes seem to deny it, there away north and east, above the Grande Corniche, is the winter snow that crowns the summits, and seems to lift them up into some skyey kingdom of Father Christmas.

POOR MAN'S HOLIDAY GROUND.

Why does not someone write of the French Riviera as a holiday-place for the poor man, and correct the idea that only the millionaire can afford to breathe here?

I suppose that, but for the wealthy visitors who come every winter in search of the sun, and line the coast from Toulon to the Italian frontier, many of its attractions would not exist at all. As it is, however, they are for everybody, and if it costs a Jew's eye to stay at any of the big hotels on the Promenade des Anglais, there are others.

The French do not make the mistake of giving up to the rich foreigner the pleasure ground of the Alpes Maritimes, and not only Nice, but the whole coast, is every year drawing larger and larger numbers of modest people to make holiday here.

I should say one could pass a month at Nice and get as much comfort with as little or less cost (apart, that is to say, from the railway fares) as at Brighton or Bournemouth, and there is a variety of accommodation adjusted to almost any purse. You may easily pay 100 francs a day if you wish, but if you will may be lodged and fed, and well fed, for 25 or 30.

THE ENGLISH INVASION.

With its two casinos and its concerts and theatres this town itself offers a rare choice of entertainment, and there can be hardly anywhere in Europe such concentration of natural beauty as throughout this region, where every turn confronts the tourist with new aspects of wonder.

At the moment Nice and Cannes and a score of lesser resorts are even now still in the state of half-hush that precedes the opening of the season proper, and it is only after they have eaten their Christmas dinner at home that the English will descend upon the littoral in force, though every day the list of distinguished names lengthens on the local registers.

The most distinguished of them all is that of the Duke of Connaught, who is staying out at Cap Ferrat, and was walking in Nice this afternoon, looking fit and well.

DAYS OF CARNIVAL.

There is still long to wait for the advent of His Majesty King Carnival XLVI. at the end of February, and the rushing crescendo of festivities in his honour that will fill the following weeks till the Mi-Careme. Cavalcades and masked processions, battles of flowers and battles of confetti, redoutes and veglioni will for a whole month be the order of the day, and particularly of the night.

The *pièce de résistance* will, perhaps, be the great gala at the Opera House on the last night of February, when none will pass the doors except as Persian, Arab, Turk, or Hindu, and male recalcitrants must cover their black coats beneath the burnous, the gandura, or the jellaba, so that no touch of hard reality should mar the perfect peopling of what is designed to be a dream of The Thousand and One Nights.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS FROM DUBLIN.

The fact that the Burns-Laird Line steamer Tiger received a serious buffeting when returning to Dublin from Dundee, and had to make for the Clyde, reduced the facilities for the shipment of live stock yesterday from the Liffey to the North-East Coast of Scotland. The ss. Maple—also of the Burns-Laird Line—which made the Dundee to Dublin trip without damage, yesterday took aboard at the North Wall plenty of baled hay as fodder before embarking live stock.

The ss. Lady Wicklow was yesterday spoken of as a probable deputy for the ss. Tiger, and the crew of the latter vessel are expected in Dublin this morning. The ss. Bandon, of the Cork fleet, was inwards yesterday from Bristol, to run with live stock and goods for the British and Irish Company's cross-Channel trade from the Liffey.

The British and Irish Company's steamer Lady Kerry took last night's Burns-Laird Line sailing with passengers, goods, and live stock (the latter for landing at Greenock), from Dublin to Glasgow. The Ardmore was the outward steamer to the Mersey, the Brier going to Heysham, and the Yarrow direct to Silloth.

The London, Midland and Scottish Company ran three steamers with live stock yesterday to Holyhead.

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MR. BALDWIN'S FUTURE

IN THE BALANCE.

LIBERAL DECISION TO-DAY.

From Our Political Correspondent.

LONDON, Monday Night.

Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George met this afternoon and discussed the situation in view of their meeting with the Liberal M.P.'s at the National Liberal Club to-morrow.

This meeting will be open to the Press, so that the whole world will know what construction Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, and Sir John Simon place upon the defeat of Protection at the polls.

The turn which the Liberal meeting may give to the situation is eagerly canvassed to-night. Will the Liberals agree to combine with Labour to defeat the Government in the House of Commons in the middle of January, or will the Liberals, accepting the dropping of Protection by the Government, interpret their duty as that of keeping the Government in office for the present?

The cold truth is that the Unionists are the strongest party in the State, and, therefore, the party with most claim, in the numerical sense, to count in the Government of the country.

Liberals are independent of both the Unionist and the Labour Parties, and are free to decide their policy in accordance with what they believe to be the wishes of the voters who placed them in the position of the third party in the House.

Labour has no more right to count on the support of Liberals to turn the Unionists out of office than Unionists have to count on Liberals to keep them in office.

The Liberal leaders are supremely conscious of their position as arbiters of the fate of the Ministry. The belief to-night is that they will decide to throw their weight into the scale against the Government.

The governing consideration appears to be that the Government asked the country for a mandate, and that, the country having refused the mandate, it would be wrong for a party which is opposed to the Government to keep the Government in office.

It is understood that there is no difference of view between Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George.

The expectation to-night, at least, is that, if Labour submits an amendment to the Address which Liberals can support in the division Lobby, they will support it, and thereby end Mr. Baldwin's Administration.

If this assumption proves correct, they will have acted with the clear understanding that Labour will then form a Government which will carry on for a period at least covering the Budget.

Another fact in the situation as seen to-night is the confidence many Liberals seem to entertain that office will produce a wholesome effect in restriction of extravagant Labour policies.

THE HOLY LAND.

ENGLISH PILGRIMAGE NEXT YEAR.

A pilgrimage of Catholics from England to the Holy Land will take place early next year. The pilgrims, numbering 165, will be led by Cardinal Bourne, and will include three bishops and 40 or 50 priests.

They will leave London on February 19, and, travelling via Marseilles to Alexandria, will go by rail from there to Cairo, and then on to Jerusalem, Haifa and Damascus.

On February 29 the pilgrims will make a solemn entry into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, and Mass will be said in the Sepulchre on the following morning. On March 3 Mass will be said at the Mount of Olives. There will be a Mass at the Grotto of the Agony on Tuesday.

On the following Friday Mass will be said on Mount Calvary in the morning, and in the afternoon the pilgrims will follow the Way of the Cross through the streets of Jerusalem.

The pilgrimage will enjoy the active co-operation and support of English-speaking Franciscan Fathers, the Custodians of the Holy Places, and the pilgrims will stay at the Franciscan Hospice. This pilgrimage, which is the first the Roman Catholics have made since 1907, has been arranged by the Catholic Association.

ANOTHER OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

UKRAINISING THE UKRAINE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MOSCOW.

Soviet Russia has decided to add another language to the twenty-one official languages of Europe to-day. This language will be the Ukrainian tongue, which, like many other languages of Europe, is a mxiture of five or six languages. A special Commission has been appointed to revise the Ukrainian language, to invent a grammar for it, and to compose several thousand words which the Ukrainian language lacks at the present moment.

This Ukrainising of the Ukraine, it is believed by many, is mainly being accomplished to promote internal disorder in Poland, which has more than one hundred thousand Ukrainian families residing within its Eastern frontier.

Poland to-day is largely composed of Ukrainians, White Russians, Ruthenians, Lithuanians, Germans and a very large portion of Jews, and since each of these minorities are entitled to have their representatives in the Polish Parliament to fight for their own Government, their own schools, their own language and newspapers it is very easy to understand the recent series of political crises of the country.

All municipal employés in the Ukraine must learn the Ukrainian language before September 1st of next year. At the present time other officials, such as the post, telegraph, and railroad employés who cannot speak Ukrainian are being replaced by Ukrainian peasants. The Soviet of Peoples' Commissars in Moscow has declared that all important Ukrainian officials must attend a special course of forty lessons during the next six months to study the Ukrainian language.

The Ukrainian newspapers published in Russia state that the Soviet Government is now planning to organise a Ukrainian Army. This information has also caused many disturbances in Poland, and the Polish Government has now begun to arrest Ukrainian agitators as Bolshevik agents.

FOYLE COLLEGE.

GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT

The Governors of Foyle College, Londonderry, in the annual report for the year 1922-23, state that on September 1, 1922, there were 140 pupils on the roll—113 in the upper school and 27 in the preparatory school. On September 1, 1923, there were 136 on the roll—116 in the upper school and 20 in the preparatory school. During the year 35 boys entered the school and 37 left. The school grant for 1922 was £252 5s., and the attendance grant for science classes from the Northern Ministry of Education was £164 9s. 7d.; £231 4s. 7d. was received from the Northern Ministry of Education, being the amount of the teachers' salaries grant assigned to Foyle College under the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1914. It was decided for the present year to retain £115 12s. 4d. for credit of the Board and divide the balance equally between the five assistant masters.

In connection with the Duke grant £226 2s. 6d. was received from the Ministry of Education, being the amount of capitation grant assigned to Foyle College; £64 2s. 8d. was divided between the headmaster and five assistant masters. The sum of £113 1s. 3d. was utilised in purchasing War Stock for the reserve fund account, and the balance of £48 18s. 7d. was retained for credit of the Board.

The interim grant received from the Ministry of Education was £524 15s., which was distributed among all the teachers in accordance with the prescribed rules.

Two house scholarships of £30 each, fourteen free scholarships, and four entrance exhibitions of £10 each were awarded.

The headmaster reported that the "tone" and discipline of the school were satisfactory.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, yesterday celebrated his forty-ninth birthday at work in his office at Ottawa.—(Reuter.)

CORPSE REMOVED.

RELATIVES CHARGED IN DERRY.

At Londonderry yesterday there was a sequel to the seizure of a corpse, when John Hegarty, sen.; John Hegarty, jun.; Mary Hegarty, Charles Doherty, Samuel Ramsay, Joseph McCann, Edward Cunningham and William Cunningham were charged with the theft of a coffin and shroud, the property of George Monteith, and with unlawful assembly at New Buildings on November 10th.

The Commissioner of Police, who conducted the prosecution, said that it arose out of what was known as "the body-snatching case." There was no property in law in a dead body, and consequently the removal of a body was not an offence in law. Hence the charge was concerned only with the coffin and shroud. A good many years ago, George Monteith, a Protestant, married Bridget Hegarty, a Roman Catholic, at the Registry Office, Derry, and the ceremony was as legal and binding as if it had been performed by the highest ecclesiastical authority. They appeared to have lived happily together.

Some time before the woman's death, when she became ill, she was attended at her request by a Protestant clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Erskine, but subsequently she expressed the desire to be attended by a clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church, and, with her husband's consent and knowledge, a clergyman of that Church attended her. On the day of her funeral some relatives from the city came and removed the body. Whatever their motive—and, from their point of view, it might have been a very laudable one—it greatly endangered the public peace, because a number of people wanted to recover the body by force; but, at the request of Monteith, and in order to avoid trouble, that was not carried out.

George Monteith said that half an hour before the funeral should have taken place the defendants and others entered his house, and Mary Hegarty said to him—"Come and take your last look at the corpse, before we take her away." He said that they would not remove the corpse, and left the house in order to obtain police assistance. When he returned, he found that the corpse had been removed. He resented the action of the defendants, and it caused great ill-feeling in the district.

He went to Derry with "B" Specials, who carried rifles, as they were on duty, that night, with the intention of recovering the body back by force; but when he learned that there might be a fight or a riot he abandoned the project.

In cross-examination by Mr. Conaghan, who appeared for the defendants, the witness said that he believed his wife was about 28 years of age at the time of her death. She was "a girl with her hair down her back" at the time of the marriage. Her parents did not give their consent. He told the registrar that she was 22 years of age.

Was her age 22 years? I cannot say.

You know very well? I do not think there is any call for that at all.

Come now, was she 22? I was not there when she was born.

Was it for the purpose of deceiving the registrar that you gave her age as 22? I do not think that has anything to do with the case.

Answer the question. I have no right to answer the question.

Mr. Conaghan—So, then, I may take it that you gave it for the purpose of deceiving the registrar?

The case was adjourned for a week, and all the defendants were admitted to bail.

£10,000,000 PROFIT.

BOOT-LEGGING SYNDICATE'S ENORMOUS GAINS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON

Fifty million dollars (roughly £10,000,000) have been shared by 125 bootleggers, now implicated in indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Savannah, Georgia, according to officials of the Department of Justice. This huge figure represents the profits made out of illicit liquor transactions in which the arrested men took part.

The fortunes quickly made from smuggled liquors are shown, partly by ledgers of these bootlegging operators, and by bank deposit books and other data, which have fallen into the possession of special agents of the Department of Justice. The distribution of the great stocks of "wet" goods was made from Savannah by freight and express through the main railroad routes to Northern points.

Chief Burns, of the Bureau of Investigation, has promised further startling disclosures as the round-up of indicted defendants continues.

So secure were the Savannah operators in their belief of immunity from punishment that they virtually defied special "under-cover" men, who were sent out by the Department of Justice several weeks ago. To what extent public officials or "dry" agents are mixed up in the charges, will be made known by the Department of Justice when its complete report of the arrests is compiled.

"We are not after the hip-picket bootlegger, but we intend to get the mainsprings of the liquor business, the big buyers, the big distributors, and those who wilfully finance them," was announced officially, as the policy of the Department of Justice, for the future.

IRISH LITERATURE.

LECTURE BY DR. DOUGLAS HYDE.

Lecturing on the Irish Language and Literature at the Church of Ireland Training College, Kildare place, Dublin, Dr. Douglas Hyde declared that within the past five years the Irish world around them had changed immensely. They could not conceal from themselves the fact that they were now facing new conditions of life.

As far as could be seen, the Irish teachers—Roman Catholic and Protestant alike—were facing the new conditions with courage and in the proper spirit. They had now to readjust their teaching and outlook, and that was a thing which did not happen to a country once in a hundred years.

In the course of his remarks, Dr. Hyde said that the exact amount of Irish literature which still remained in manuscript had not been adequately determined, and it was a peculiar tragedy of Ireland that so much of her literature had perished. A large amount of literature was being produced in the Irish language at the present time, and many recent books had been translated into foreign languages, including Swedish, Norwegian, and German.

The lecturer said that he felt sure that Irish literature had a magnificent future. They wanted literature for its own sake, not for the sake of money or for the sake of passing examinations. For his own part, he would continue to work for the language, and he knew that the Free State Government would do the same.

At the conclusion of the lecture, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Hyde.

The chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Kingsmill Moore, President of the College.

SWITZERLAND AND A GUARANTEE PACT.

BERNE, Sunday.

On behalf of the Federal Council, it was stated to-day, in reply to a question by a member of the National Council, on the attitude of Switzerlanl with regard to a guarantee pact, that there could be no question of Switzerland adhering to a mutual guarantee Treaty of the kind which has been discussed by the Assembly of the League of Nations.

It was also stated that the conclusion of a pact of guarantee between other members of the League of Nations would not have any effect on the judicial status of Switzerland in the League.—(Reuter.)

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES RETURNING TO AMERICA.

The Times states that Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, will leave London for Washington soon after Christmas to resume his duties.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
Successes gained by Pupils during October and November:—Bank of Ireland—25 of the 35 appointments (with First 7 Places); Royal Bank—7 appointments; other Irish Banks—8; Corporation Typists—2; M.G.W.R.—5 appointments.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

LORETO STUDENTS' ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment was given on Sunday at Loreto Abbey, Dalkey, to the parents and friends of students. For the most part only girls of twelve years of age and under were the entertainers. The programme comprised singing, dancing, and acting, and from beginning to end the children displayed an intelligent response to the training and care which the nuns of Loreto Abbey have bestowed on them. The charm of gesture and grace of motion displayed by the little children made most pretty pictures, while the delivery of their lines was excellent. The children all showed that they had received the most careful training.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS TRAFFIC.—Extra hands have been engaged by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway to deal with Christmas parcels traffic at the North Wall. A platform of the railway station has been fitted up as a temporary sorting depot.

LATE MR. WILLIAM SHERRY.—The funeral of the late Mr. William Sherry, 20 Upper Buckingham street, Dublin, took place in Glasnevin Cemetery yesterday. Mr. Sherry was for 30 years an employé of the Dublin Corporation, and was held in high esteem, as was shown by the large and representative assembly at the graveside.

BISHOP ELLIOTT MEMORIAL.—The tablet which has been erected in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, to the memory of the Right Rev. A. G. Elliott, D.D., late Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh, will be dedicated to-morrow immediately after Evensong, which commences at 4 o'clock.

CONCERT IN SANDYMOUNT.—Madame Alicia Keogh and her pupils, assisted by the Rathgar Instrumental Trio, entertained a large audience in the Presbyterian Hall, Sandymount, last night. The concert was given in aid of the church funds, and realised a most satisfactory amount.

HELGA'S NEW NAME.—The Irish Fisheries Board protection vessel, Helga, which bombarded Liberty Hall from the Liffey during the 1916 rebellion, and is now the property of the Free State Government, is to be known as the Muirchu (Irish for Sea Dog).

MILITARY DANCE.—The first annual dance to be held under the auspices of the officers of General Headquarters of the National Army, Parkgate street, will be held in the Metropole Ballroom, Sackville street, on January 4. Manahan's band will provide the music, and there will be carnival effects and novelties. The dance promises to be a great success.

CATTLE-STEALING—At Drumcondra yesterday Joseph Farrell, Rathcormack, Athboy, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for the theft, on March 4 last, of seven head of cattle from two Co. Kildare farmers.

PRESENTATIONS TO NURSING SISTER—Sister Bolster, who has left the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, has been presented with a silver tea service by the pupils and staff; a gold-mounted handbag by Father Harley, of the Pro-Cathedral, and silver-backed brushes by Drs. Quinn and Theobald.

CONNAUGHT.

CIVIC GUARDS THREATENED—Civic Guards in Carrigallen, Leitrim, have been threatened with violence after prosecuting some men from the surrounding district for disorderly conduct, and a party of Free State soldiers has been quartered there.

MUNSTER.

CATTLE STOLEN.—On Saturday last four cattle were stolen from the lands of a farmer named Hogan, of Ballycommon, three miles from Nenagh. Mr. Hogan went in search of them, and found the animals on the road near Limerick in an exhausted condition. The robbers were unable to drive the cattle any further, and abandoned them.

LIMERICK WAGES REDUCTIONS.—A Whole-House Committee of the Limerick Corporation has recommended reductions in the salaries of officials varying from £33 to £8 a year. It was also decided that two "cuts" of 3s. in a six-day week shall be applied to various classes of employés, the first reduction to take place in the second week of January, and the second in the second week of March next.

FATAL FALL INTO HOLD.—Joseph Kirkland, married, aged 68, has died in a Limerick hospital from a fractured skull, which he sustained through accidentally falling into the hold of a vessel while he was engaged as a labourer.

LEINSTER.

FARMERS AND RATES.—Ballymacormack, Co. Longford, Branch of the Farmers' Union has passed the following resolution:—"That we call on all branches of the Farmers' Union in the county to hold meetings immediately and demand of the County Council that the rate to be struck for the coming year be not higher than five shillings in the pound, and ask that such economies as are necessary be effected in order to carry on the work of the county at that figure, as we believe owing to the bad prices for agricultural produce that farmers will be absolutely unable to meet a higher rate." The meeting was informed another rate collector had resigned and was seeking a pension from the County Council. A deputation was appointed to ask a member of the Council to oppose pensions to rate collectors.

BRAY WAR MEMORIAL. — The war memorial unveiled on Sunday in Bray by Viscount Powerscourt was designed by Sir Thomas Manly Deane. The sculptors were Messrs. C. W. Harrison, Great Brunswick street, Dublin. Messrs. McGloughlin, Dublin, made the bronze plaques, which bear the names of the 168 Bray men who fell in the war.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING. — Laurence Malone, aged 18, Rhode, King's County, was shot dead on Sunday evening. It is stated that a sporting gun that he was carrying was accidentally discharged, but, our Philipstown Correspondent says, the Coroner has deemed it unnecessary to hold an inquest. The deceased lad's sister died only a week ago.

WOMAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT. — Alice Muriel Allison, Dublin street, Carlow, was admitted to the Carlow County Infirmary on Sunday, suffering from a bullet wound in the shoulder. She said that she picked up a revolver which her husband, a Free State soldier on leave, had put down on a table, and that it immediately discharged.

ORGANIST AT ST. MEL'S.—The joint positions of organist to St. Mel's Cathedral and Professor of Music in St. Mel's College, Longford, which has been vacant for some years, has been filled by the appointment of Herr Reuter.

INNY BARRACKS. — Inny Barracks, Ballymahon, Co. Longford, will be vacated by the military in the new year. A movement is on foot to convert the barracks into a Christian Brothers' School.

ULSTER.

FLAX MARKETS IMPROVING.—Flax reached 15s. a stone in Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, Market on Saturday. The demand is gradually improving, while the quality of the fibre is good, says our Correspondent.

The death has taken place at Wexford of Mr. Peter Corish, father of Alderman Richard Corish, M.P., Mayor of the town.

Large consignments of turkeys and geese were sent to England by steamers from Dublin yesterday. A considerable proportion of the birds came from Co. Carlow.

A large number of malicious injury awards were made at Castlerea yesterday, for robberies during the fighting last year.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

PARCELS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.—Five thousand Christmas parcels are to be distributed among Belfast ex-Service men. Each parcel will cotnain ten kinds of groceries and provisions. All the recipients will receive the same parcel. The parcels were prepared for despatch yesterday. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have taken a keen interest in arranging this distribution, which has been organised by the committee.

SHIPYARD CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—Belfast District Committee of the Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades Federation has been informed by the employers that, owing to the depression in the industry, it is impossible to curtail the period of the Christmas holiday; that if the period is lessened it will probably mean dispensing with the services of a larger number of employés.

CO. DONEGAL SALARIES.—Donegal County Council has received from District Councils and ratepayers' associations in the county resolutions requesting a reduction in the salaries of its officials in recognition of the economic conditions which necessitated the reduction of Free State teachers' salaries and old age pensions. A committee of the County Council has recommended drastic reductions.

STOLEN MOTOR CARS RULING.—At Dundalk Quarter Sessions on Saturday Judge Johnston held that a person resident in Northern Ireland could not recover compensation in the Free State for the loss of a motor car or motor bicycle stolen by armed raiders in Northern Ireland and driven over the border into the Free State.

PICKPOCKETS ACTIVE.—There is an epidemic of pickpocketing and purse-snatching in Belfast. Several cases have been reported to the police by women who have lost their purses and bags.

COUNTY DOWN CENTENARIAN.—Mr. Andrew Cloakey, who has just celebrated his hundreth birthday at the home of his son in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was born in November, 1823, at Ballynahinch, Co. Down, and was taken to Canada by his parents when fourteen years of age. Mr. Cloakey is still a sturdy, upright figure, with keen eye and excellent hearing.

ARMAGH ROADS INQUIRY.—An inquiry was held in the County Council offices, Armagh, on Friday relative to the application of the Armagh County Council for sanction for loans of £16,730 and £27,910 for the improvement of roads. No person appeared to make objection to the application.

MR. MASSEY'S VISIT.—Writing to the Ulster Anglo-Israel Union, Mr. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, states:—"My visit was most enjoyable and interesting, and I shall carry away many pleasant memories of the few days' sojourn that I was privileged to have in my native country."

Londonderry Corporation yesterday decided to confer the freedom of the city on Sir James Craig, Premier of Northern Ireland. The only Nationalist member present at the meeting was the sole dissenter.

On Saturday two representatives of the Russian Government visited Killeshandra, Co. Cavan, for the purpose of examining the methods adopted in the creamery there.

Messrs. James Whaley, Upper Langfield Rectory, and Mathew Verner, Castleview House, Drumquin, have been appointed Justices of the Peace for Co. Tyrone.

The death has taken place of Mr. Thomas F. Gibson, a well-known wall-paper merchant, Belfast. He was a former president of the Belfast Master Painters' Association.

BRISTOL'S "ABBEY."

SIR ARTHUR PINERO OPENS NEW THEATRE.

Bristol has now its "Abbey." It was inaugurated last night, when Sir Arthur Pinero opened the Little Theatre, which he described as the beginnings of a repertory theatre.

From what he had been told he had formed the opinion that the Little Theatre would not be exclusively "highbrow," and on reading its full programme for the first season of thirteen weeks, he was glad to find that his interpretation was correct. He had no desire to appear to underrate the value of plays that were styled "highbrow," because he had been a little bit in that line himself, but he ventured to say that a repertory theatre wholly given up to plays of that description put a limit to the range of its appeal and narrowed its sphere of usefulness. It was quite easy to produce play which could not be regarded as "highbrow," but still were eminently worthy of the attention and respect of intelligent audiences.

That Bristol, of all cities, should have established that theatre was fitting and proper, declared Sir Arthur. The record of its stages was one of the most brilliant chapters in theatrical history. It was once the nursery of dramatic talent of the highest order.

In thanking the Corporation, as the owners of the building, for the practical encouragement they had shown, he said that their action betokened a spirit of enlightened liberty and of freedom from prejudice, which was as significant as it was welcome.

POTEEN TRAFFIC.

WELL-MITIGATED FINE.

When Daniel Sullivan was charged at Dunmanway, County Cork, with being in possession of two bottles of poteen, the State Solicitor pressed for the maximum penalty, as, he said, that class of case was too prevalent.

A police inspector said that the spirit was very raw, and was more poisonous than the "regular poteen."

District Justice Crotty said that the traffic would have to cease. He intended to take a serious view of such cases. Under the Public Safety Act an offender was liable to twelve months' imprisonment and a heavy fine. This case was not brought under that Act, but in future he would send offenders to prison and would fine them heavily.

The Justice fined the defendant £100, reduced it to £25, and said that he would recommend the Inland Revenue authorities to make a further reduction. The defendant would be allowed a month to pay whatever amount was ultimately fixed.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.
Open Competition, 50 Vacancies, Spring, 1924. Age 19-22. ELEVEN SUCCESSES AT LAST EXAM (Limited Competition), August, 1923. BEST RESULT. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes now forming. Intending Candidates should enrol at once. SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

LAND OF OLD ROMANCE.

DR. SIGERSON'S IMPRESSIONS OF CONNAUGHT.

"Travels in Connaught Forty Years Ago" was the subject of a lecture delivered before the National Literary Society at 16 Dawson street, Dublin, last night, by the President of the Society, Professor George Sigerson, M.D. Mr. Brendan Rogers was in the chair, and there was a large audience.

Dr. Sigerson said that it was in 1880 that he was called upon by the Dublin Mansion House Committee to go to Connaught to investigate the causes of an epidemic of fevers. There had been a partial, but great, failure of crops in the preceding year, much privation, and menace of more, and the country was justly alarmed.

The Government officials, however, as was customary then, denied and minimised, would not hear of destitution diseases, and attributed the fever to everything imaginable but starvation, until the medical evidence reduced them to silence, and the Chief Secretary accepted, and acted upon, the Relief Committee's recommendations. Had not the Relief Committee come into being so promptly, and collected and distributed a sum of £180,000, there would have been a cruel disaster.

Connaught, said the lecturer, was a land of old romance, which had been faithful to its past, and preserved its soul of poetry. It had been a land of kindly tolerance and friendly peace. The refuge, during Cromwellian rule, of the expelled gentlemen of other provinces, it was also the refuge of the bards in the penal days. Carolan, the minstrel, travelled throughout it as a gentleman, with an attendant carrying his harp, a more than welcome guest at every mansion in the province.

The province preserved the national language, and this was chiefly due to three men—Dr. MacHale, Archbishop of Tuam; Hardiman, and Dr. Douglas Hyde. Dr. MacHale withstood the anglicisation of the official schools, and did much to give dignity and honour to a language which, at the time, was regarded as a disgrace to know. Hardiman's "Irish Minstrelsy" began a new era, and Dr. Hyde's collections of the love songs and religious songs of Connaught cleared the province of the charge of obscurity in letters.

MR. ARTHUR SINCLAIR.

Mr. Arthur Sinclair, the popular Irish actor, who scored his earlier successes in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, has been given a leading part in a new play to be produced under Henry Miller's management at the Henry Miller Theatre, New York. Mr. Sinclair's many friends and admirers in this country, who have watched his consistent progress in the profession, will heartily congratulate him and wish him every success. Mr. Sinclair sails from Liverpool next Saturday by the Adriatic.

Miss Clemence Dane assisted Mr. W. Arnold in the production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by Tonbridge School Dramatic Society on Friday and Saturday. The cast was entirely undertaken by schoolboys.

THE GERMAN CANKER.

FOOD HOARDERS NOT DEALT WITH.

TEST FOR HELP.

By MAJOR-GENERAL SIR F. MAURICE.

The surrender of the German mine-owners to the French terms means, of course, that the conditions in the occupied territory have become so bad that they could not continue without threatening starvation to a vast industrial population.

The blockade which the French have established on the frontier of the occupied territory has done its work. The cost of living in the Ruhr is now about 50 per cent. higher than it is in London. In normal times it was about 30 per cent. lower.

This applies only to the bare necessities of life. In other things prices have mounted fantastically; for example, the price of a very ordinary cotton handkerchief in Dortmund is 3s. 6d., and there are not many to be had even at that price.

BRITISH GOODS HIT.

Manchester goods of all kinds are at corresponding prices, which means simply that they are not coming in at all.

Butter is almost unobtainable even by the very rich, and soap and milk are entirely beyond the reach of the poor, while there is a serious shortage of drugs in the hospitals.

These conditions do not apply to the Ruhr only.

A great change has taken place all over Germany since last January. Then there were no unemployed, the factories everywhere were working full time, and the workpeople were able to live. Extreme suffering was confined practically to the middle class and those with fixed incomes.

Now Germany has ceased to produce, and there are unemployed everywhere, not only in the Ruhr. For the present a rough-and-ready stabilisation of the mark on the basis one billion paper marks equals one gold mark equals one shilling has taken place. This has effectively defeated the foreign profiteer.

Last year an English lady in Cologne told me that she and her husband and two children lived well for three shillings a day. Yesterday I learned in Cologne that the cost of living for English people is considerably higher than it is in England.

But if the foreign profiteer has been defeated, the German profiteer has not.

The last harvest in Germany was a very good one, but the German landowners and farmers either won't sell their produce for what they consider to be worthless paper or are holding up their stocks for better prices.

AN EFFORT WANTED.

That is a matter with which only the German Government can deal, and Germany should be refused help from outside until she has made an honest effort to deal with it.

That is, in my judgment, the most important step which can be taken towards relieving distress in Germany generally.

As regards the Ruhr and the occupied territory generally, the immediate necessity is the restoration of communication with the interior of Germany and with the outside world in general. Though work is beginning in some of the mines, it will be two or three months at least before it is general.

Those two or three months are going to be very difficult ones. The German Government has stopped out-of-work pay. The municipalities of some of the biggest industrial centres, such as Essen, Oberhausen, Crefeld, have united in urging upon Berlin the necessity for continuing this pay if starvation is to be averted.

The municipality of Cologne has asked the British Government for a loan to tide the town through the winter. But these measures are only palliatives, and will not effect a cure.

THE BRITISH ZONE.

The French authorities having won the battle with the mine owners, are now disposed to make concessions. An agreement has been reached between the Regie and the German railway authorities which has been ratified in Berlin.

The best thing that we can do is to exert all our influence towards getting this agreement extended and improved.

It is a matter which affects the British zone of occupation nearly as much as it does the Ruhr, and we have every right, nay it is our duty, to speak. The blockade of the Cologne area has been very nearly as close as has that of the districts in French and Belgian hands.

The immediate steps required to prevent an immence amount of suffering during the winter are two—first the prevention of profiteering in foodstuffs in Germany, and second the free importation of foodstuffs into the occupied areas.

CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY.

PROPOSED SERIES OF SHOWS.

The Very Rev. C. J. White, P.P., Roundstone, presided at a conference in Oughterard, when it was decided to form a Connemara Pony Society, with the object of improving the breeding of Connemara ponies.

The Rev. Father White was appointed President of the Provisional Committee, and Mr. M. J. O'Malley, Turlough, Rossmuck, Hon. Secretary.

It was decided that a list of existing pony stallions should be completed, and that the Agricultural Department should be requested to have them inspected, so that the Society should be in a position to decide whether improvement should be based on existing stallion stock or should import new stallions.

It was resolved that mare shows should be held at Oughterard, Carna, and Clifden, and that the Society should ask the Committee of Agriculture to give a grant of £100 towards its expenses for the year ended March, 1925, and should request the Department to grant a subsidy.

A committee was appointed to draft a scheme for submission to a general meeting to be held at Sweeny's Hotel, Oughterard, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, January 2, 1924.

FUN OF THE FAIR.

CARAVAN IN THE HEART OF LONDON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Monday.

An open-air Christmas Fair is about to open on the site of old Meux's brewery at the corner of Tottenham Court road. Mr. Pat O'Brien, the travelling showman, has taken a two months' possession of this valuable site, and he was busy yesterday directing levelling-up operations and getting his mammoth attractions in ship-shape.

He showed a pressman the interior of his "living carriage," hidden away in a corner of the carnival grounds. It is a palatially furnished caravan, with mahogany fittings, and the mural paintings would adorn any West End drawingroom. A door by the fireplace leads into a cosy little bedroom.

Mr. O'Brien has erected his huge scenic railway with illuminated waterfall, and there is a new kind of whirligig, called "The Airship," which oscillates and reproduces all sorts of aerial sensations.

RECENT WILLS.

Mr. Huntly Eugene Jenkins, the well-known criminal barrister, of 21 Craven Hill, Lancaster Gate, W., and 1 Brick Court, Temple, E.C., who died on November 1, left £70,761, of which £66,555 is net personality.

Mrs. Grace Charlotte Walker, of 24 Lennox Gardens, Cadogan square, S.W., who died on October 11, in her 83rd year, left unsettled estate of the value of £46,106, with net personalty £44,959. The testatrix made a number of bequests to servants, and left £50 to the Governesses' Benevolent Institution, £50 to the Working Guild for Distressed Ladies, £10 to the Dumb Friends' League, £20 to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow, for the sick poor, £100 to the Church Army, £5 to the Fresh Air Fund, £20 to the Hospital for Incurables, Putney; £50 to the National Fund for Nurses, and £10 to the Dogs' Home, Battersea.

CORPORATION SHORTHAND TYPISTS.
Oct., 1923. Miss M. Donnelly, THIRD PLACE. Previous Exam., March, 1923, 3 SUCCESSES, including FIRST and THIRD PLACES. McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, O'Connell street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

NEWS IN BRIEF.

UNITED STATES CONSUL DEAD.—The death took place yesterday of Mr. Hunter Sharp, the American Consul, in Edinburgh. He had had thirty-seven years' Consular experience, serving in Japan, France, Russia and Ireland before going to Scotland. At Moscow he was Consul-General.

HUNTING ACCIDENT. — Lady Herbert, of Coldbrook, Abergavenny, met with a serious accident on Saturday while hunting with the Monmouthshire Hounds. Her horse stumbled and fell, Lady Herbert being kicked in the face, suffering contusions and slight concussion. She will probably be confined to her residence for a month.

TWO COLLIERY WORKMEN KILLED.—Walter Wharmby and Arthur Dennis, while engaged in loading *débris* into stationary wagons at the Annesley Colliery (Notts) yesterday, were knocked down by trucks which collided with the wagons. Both men were terribly injured, and died in a short time. Operations at the pit were suspended for the day.

"A LENIENT SENTENCE." — The Court of Criminal Appeal, London, yesterday, dismissed the application of Theresa Mary Agnes Doughty Tichborne for leave to appeal against the sentence of twelve months' imprisonment in the second division passed upon her at the Central Criminal Court for publishing libels concerning Sir Joseph Tichborne and sending threatening letters to Sir George Lewis, solicitor. The Lord Chief Justice said that he considered the sentence was a lenient one.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED. — The Court of Appeal, London, yesterday ordered a new trial in the action brought by Mr. Edwin Frederick Tournier against the National Provincial and Union Bank of England for slander and breach of confidence. The first trial resulted in favour of the bank. Mr. Tournier's complaint was that the manager of the bank informed his employers that he was overdrawn at the bank and that a cheque over which he had control had passed to a bookmaker.

GERMAN FISHERMEN AT ABERDEEN.—German trawlers are evidently endeavouring to gather as much English money as possible before proceeding to the Fatherland for Christmas. Nine boats landed 346 tons of Icelandic fish at yesterday's market in Aberdeen, where the supply brought in by 27 British trawlers from the North Sea fishing grounds totalled only 154 tons. The Icelandic flat fish and lemon soles caught by the Germans made from 144s. to 148s. per box.

ALLEGED MURDER OF STEPFATHER.—Albert Edward Harvey (20), a checker, was charged at Liverpool yesterday with the wilful murder of his stepfather, George Read, on Saturday, at Bengal street, where they lived. It is alleged that Harvey struck his stepfather on the head with a gas ring, inflicting injuries from which Read died in the Royal Infirmary on Sunday. The accused, in a statement to a detective, said—"I don't know what made me do it. I lost my head."

HUSBAND AND WIFE ASPHYXIATED.—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Collier, aged 33 and 30, respectively, residing in a flat in Parkwood road, Boscombe, were found dead on the floor of their bathroom on Sunday. It is believed that Mrs. Collier was taking a bath, and that her prolonged absence caused her husband to go to the bathroom, which he evidently found full of gas from the geyser, and that he was overcome after getting his wife out of the bath.

ABERDEEN "CAVE MAN."—Thomas Keaney, labourer, was, at Aberdeen yesterday, sent to prison for fifteen days for adopting the methods of the "cave man" in endeavouring to get a local widow to go off to Montrose with him and marry him. It was stated in court that when the woman refused to yield to his entreaties the man resorted to his fists in an endeavour to subdue her. Five previous convictions, two for assault and three for other breaches of the peace, were recorded against him.

MURDER VERDICT AGAINST NURSE. — At Fulham yesterday a verdict of wilful murder was returned against Dora Sadler in connection with the deaths of Sonia Sarah Katzman (4) and Jane Rachel Katzman (10 months), who were found dead from gas poisoning at their parents' home in West Kensington. Sadler was employed as nurse to the children, and she was found in an unconscious condition in the room in which the children's bodies were found. At the inquest it was alleged that Sadler had confessed to causing the deaths of the children, declaring that she was impelled to it by Mrs. Katzman's nastiness to her.

HOURS OF SALE FOR FISH AND CHIPS.—The Divisional Court, London, yesteday quashed the conviction of a licensed refreshment-house keeper of Summercotes, Derbyshire, for keeping open his premises for the sale of fish and chips during hours when houses for the sale of intoxicating liquors were closed. The contention of the police, upheld by the justices, was that the appellant was required to close his premises except during the hours when intoxicants might be sold on licensed premises. The magistrates rejected the view that there were no closing hours for refreshment houses by reason of the operation of the Licensing Act of 1921.

THE SECONDARY TEACHERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Although the year 1923 is drawing to a close, the Ministries of Education and Finance have made no serious attempts to remedy the admitted grievances of Irish secondary teachers. A considerable time has elapsed since the teachers were led to believe that a scheme of salaries, etc., was being devised that should give them their proper social position and—what is of more importance to them—some relief from the cares and anxieties that attend financial embarrassments. The Northern Ministry, with little formality and less fuss, has already laid before its Parliament such a scheme. Are our Ministries less energetic or less sympathetic?

The Minister of Education, who is a distinguished educationist, must have come into contact with the seamy side of the teacher's life in the pursuit of his vocation. Ten millions of money have passed from the pockets of a generous and confiding public into the coffers of the Minister of Finance, and as much more is probably at his disposal when next he waves his magic wand. "If I had anything, I should give it," is a plea for which there is no longer any excuse. The Minister of Education has got a headline from the Northern Government, and little initiative is required to formulate a scheme of salaries and pensions. It is to be hoped that whenever a scheme of this nature sees the light, a keener sense of justice will be shown in its construction than that displayed in the distribution of "grants" for the past three years.—Yours, etc.,

J. T. KEATING, Chairman, Cork Branch, Association of Secondary Teachers (Ireland).

Cork, December 17th, 1923.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The 1924 edition of the Official Year Book of the Church of England, which has just been issued, contains some very striking statistics. The number of ordinations for the year ended September, 1923, was 463, compared with 392 in 1922. The numbers show a progressive increase since 1918, in which year they touched the lowest point reached—namely, 101. The figures in 1919 were 161, for 1920 258, 1921 346, and 1922 392. In 1922 eleven new churches were built, as against three in 1921 and one in 1920. The confirmation candidates in 1922 numbered 218,196, of whom 91,657 were males and 126,539 females. The figures in 1920 were 199,357 and in 1919 183,214. The decrease in baptisms is probably accounted for by the lower birth-rate. In 1922 they numbered only 523,093, compared with 555,757 in 1921 and 608,799 in 1920. The communicants during Easter week numbered 2,294,190, which shows a considerable increase on 1921. The normal accommodation of the parish churches in England is 5,402,053. In 1922 there were 1,955,838 Sunday school scholars, 147,864 churchwardens and sidesmen, 170,814 Sunday school teachers, 66,441 district visitors, 46,182 bell-ringers, and 329,785 choristers.

MARINERS' CHURCH, KINGSTOWN.

The Board of Nomination for the Diocese of Dublin yesterday nominated the Rev. G. A. Chamberlain, B.D., Rector of Clondalkin, to the vacant incumbency of the Mariners' Church, Kingstown.

The Rev. G. A. Chamberlain is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, where he had a distinguished academical record. He was ordained a deacon in Derry in 1904 and priest in London in 1905. For a year he was curate of Castlerock, Co. Londonderry, then curate of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, till 1909; Downton, 1909-10, and Castlerock again from 1910 to 1913. In the latter year he was appointed Honorary Clerical Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and curate of St. Ann's, Dawson street. In 1917 he was appointed Rector of Clondalkin.

Mr. Chamberlain has been editor of the *Church of Ireland Gazette* since 1919.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED IRREGULAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Monday

Stocks opened firm. Railroads were sold freely, Union Pacific Common losing 3 points, but the confident buying of many Industrials continued, notably Oils, Corn Products, Refining and American Can. The market closed irregular. Government Bonds firm. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 1,190,000 shares. Money on call steady, closing at 4½ per cent. bid and 4¾ per cent. asked. Actual loans were all at these rates, the ruling rate being 4¾ and last loan 4½ per cent. Sterling exchange rates easy. Silver ⅛c. up for foreign mined at 65⅞.

Atchison Topeka Pref. and Canadian Pacific advanced ½.

Atchison Topeka Common, Erie 1st Pref., New York Central, Northern Pacific Common, and Southern Pacific declined ⅛; Chicago Milwaukee Common, Great Northern Pref., and Texas and Pacific, ⅞; Erie Railroad Shares, Reading 1st Pref., Chicago Rock Island, Wabash Pref., General Electric, and International Marine Common, ¼; Louisville and Nashville, 1⅛; Union Pacific Common, 1⅞; American Smelting and Refining Common, 1¼; International Mercantile Marine Pref., ⅜; and Royal Dutch Petroleum, 1⅜.

CROP ESTIMATES.

WASHINGTON.

The Crop Reporting Board Bureau crop estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following final estimates of crops from reports of its correspondents and agents:—

This year's acreage—Winter wheat, 39,522,000; spring wheat, 18,786,000; corn, 104,158,000; oats, 40,833,000; barley, 7,905,000; rye, 5,157,000; flaxseed, 2,061,000.

The total production in bushels—Winter wheat, 572,000,000; spring wheat, 213,000,000; corn, 3,054,000,000; oats, 1,300,000,000; barley, 198,000,000; rye, 63,000,000; flaxseed, 17,000,000.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices Sat.	Mon.	Business Done H.	L.
116¾	Funded	102⅜	102⅝	—	—
109⅛	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	98¼	97⅞	—	—
109½	Do. Preference	87⅛	88	—	—
63⅝	Baltimore and Ohio	58⅜	58⅜	—	—
164	Canadian Pacific	145	145½	—	—
80⅜	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	70⅜	70⅜	—	—
13⅜	Chic. Mil & St. Paul	12⅞	12	—	—
38⅛	Chicago and N.-West	51	51	—	—
37⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	29	28⅞	—	—
63⅛	Do. 4% Gen. Lien Bds.	54⅝	54¾	—	—
64⅛	Great Northern Pref.	57⅛	56⅛	—	—
113⅞	Illinois Central	101⅛	101⅛	—	—
68⅛	Lehigh Valley	60⅜	60⅜	—	—
101⅛	Louisville & Nashville	90¼	88⅛	—	—
19⅛	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	12	11⅞	—	—
74⅛	Do New 4% Bonds	65⅝	65⅝	—	—
60⅛	Do. Adj 5% Bonds	53	52¾	—	—
11⅛	Missouri Pacific New	9⅞	9¾	—	—
3⅛	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	3	3	—	—
1⅛	Do 2nd Pref	1⅜	1⅜	—	—
119⅛	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R.	105⅛	104⅞	—	—
117⅛	Norfolk & West Com.	103	103	—	—
59⅝	Northern Pacific Com.	51⅝	52¾	—	—
18⅛	Ontario and Western	18	18	—	—
47⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	42	41⅞	—	—
88⅞	Reading Shares	77⅝	77⅛	—	—
61⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	55⅛	54⅞	—	—
98⅛	Do 4% Mort Bonds	86⅜	85⅛	—	—
42⅜	Southern Railway	37⅛	37	—	—
98⅛	Southern Pacific	87⅛	86⅛	—	—
21⅛	Texas and Pacific	20	19⅞	—	—
144⅛	Union Pacific	128¾	126⅞	—	—
82⅛	Do. Pref.	72	72⅞	—	—
103⅜	Do. 4% Bonds	60¾	60⅛	—	—
12¾	Wabash Common	11⅛	10¾	—	—
39⅛	Do. Preferred A	31⅞	31⅜	—	—
65⅛	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	58¾	57⅛	—	—
42⅛	Anaconda Copper	37⅛	37⅛	—	—
25⅛	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	22⅝	22¼	—	—
16⅛	N.Y. Cons. Oils	57⅞	57⅞	—	—
223⅛	General Electric	196	193⅞	—	—
109⅛	U.S. Steel Common	95⅝	95⅛	—	—
136	Do. 1st Preferred	119⅞	119⅝	—	—
116⅜	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	102¾	102⅜	—	—
—	Silver (Foreign Mined)	65⅛	65⅞	—	—
6⅜	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	6⅛	6	—	—
31⅛	Do. Prefd Certs	30	29¼	—	—
55⅜	Royal Dutch Oil	49⅞	48⅛	—	—
36⅛	Shell Trans	34⅛	34⅛	—	—
72⅛	Pan-American Pet.	62⅜	63⅛	—	—
17⅛	Anglo-American Oil	15¾	15¾	—	—
16⅛	General Motors	15	14⅞	—	—
43⅜	U.S. Rubber	38	38	—	—

*Asked. †Ex div. ‡Ex Bonus. §Ex rights.

	Saturday.	Monday
Call Money	Nominal.	4½b. 4¾a.
Ex. on Ln. 60 days' st.	4.35.12½	4.34.75
Ex. on Ln. Demand Bills	4.37.87½	4.37.50
Cable Transfers	4.38.12½	4.37.75
Ex. on Paris	5.29¾	5.21½
Cotton Mid. Upland	34.35	35.40
Do., New Orleans, Mid.	34.01	34.10
Cottonseed Oil P. Sum. Yellow Spot	10.87	11.07
Cot. Seed Oil, Yel., Jan.	11.06	10.96
Petro. Refined, in cases	17.15	17.15
Do., Standard White	14.00	14.00
Do., Philad. Stan. do.	14.00	14.00
Do., Pennsyl., Crude	2.85	2.85
Spirits of Turpentine	94	94
Do., Savannah	87	86½
Resin, Grade K	4.30	4.40
Do. Grade F	4.50	4.60
Lard, Prime West. Stm	13.80	13.80
Do. Midland West	13.30–13.40	13.30–13.40
Tallow, Extra	8⅛	8¼
Sugar, New Cuban	7.41	7.41
Corn, West., No. 2 Mix.	86¼	86
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Wtr.	121	121¼
Do. No. 2 Red Winter	121	121½
Do., No. 2 Mix. Drm.	108½	109
Coffee, Rio No. 7	10⅞	11
Flour Spring Clears	5.00–5.50	5.00–5.50
Iron, No. 2 Nor. Fdry.	22.00 24.00	22.00–23.00
Tin, Straits	47.25	47.00
Zinc, East St. Louis	6.25	6.20
Electrolytic Cop. Spot	13⅛–13¼	12⅞–13¼
Do. do., Futures	13¼	13¼
Freight, Heavy Grain to U. Kingdom, per bushel	2/6–3/3	2/6–3/3
Freight, Heavy Grain to Continent, per bushel	16	16
Freight, Cont. to L'pool (high density)	23	26
Do. Stand. (per 100lb.)	30	30

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Monday.

WHEAT.—Spot market firm and ½c. dearer. No export engagements were reported. The visible supply of wheat in the United States has increased 1,261,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 73,808,000 bushels; last year, 34,397,000 bushels. The visible supply of wheat in Canada has increased 22,664,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 28,585,000; last year, 24,427,000 bushels. The week's export clearances from the Atlantic seaboard total 5,477,000 bushels; last year, 5,366,000 bushels. Receipts—Atlantic, 592,000; last year, 1,131,000. Clearances, 593,000; last year, 1,364,000.

FLOUR steady.

CORN on spot steady, but ½c. lower. The visible supply of corn has increased 382,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 4,722,000; last year, 13,471,000. The week's export clearances from the Atlantic seaboard totals 50,000 bushels; last year, 471,000. The week's export clearances—Oats, 880,000 bushels; last year, 335,000; flour, 328,000 barrels; last year, 345,000. Receipts—Atlantic, 202,000; last year, 205,000. Clearances, nil; last year 497,000.

LARD.—Cash market quiet and unaltered.

COFFEE opened irregular, 4 points lower to 10 points higher. Favourable Brazilian market advices and buying by trade interests and importers caused values to advance for a while; then under realising partial recessions were made, but the market finished with a steady tone at 2 to 16 points gain. Spot firm and ⅛c. up. Stocks of Brazilian coffee total 591,000 bags, compared with 655,000 last week. The week's warehouse deliveries aggregate 272,000 bags, against 230,000 last week. Approximate sales—23,000 bags. December 10.30; March, 9.55; May, 8.90; July, 8.74; September, 8.49.

RUBBER steady ⅛c. to ¼c. up. First latex crepe, 26¼; smoked ribbed sheets, 26¼.

SUGAR steady and unchanged. Porto Rica unquoted. Futures irregular and unchanged to 5 points down. Approximate future sales—8,000 tons. January, 5.30; March, 4.66; May, 4.70; July, 4.77.

COTTON opened firm, 9 to 36 points, and went higher owing to the improved conditions of the cotton goods market, encouraging cable news, heavier exports, trade buying, expected decrease in the movement, a better demand of a public character, and higher Southern spot markets. A partial reaction took place later on curtailment by New England mills, selling by New Orleans interests and realising; then the market rose again under Wall street and local bull support, and closed strong, 118 to 95 points up. Spot steady at 115 points gain. New Orleans spot unchanged. Receipts—Atlantic, 54,000; Gulf, 17,000. Exports—Britain, 92,000; Continent, 92,000. Futures in last 20 seconds of trading:—December, lowest 35.00, highest 35.10; January, 34.28, 34.30; February, 34.49, 34.49; March, 34.70, 34.80; April, 34.80, 34.80; May, 34.90, 34.95; June, 34.40, 34.40; July, 34.10, 34.17; August, 31.20, 31.20; September, 29.20, 29.20; October, 28.35, 28.49; November, 28.00, 28.00. New Orleans cotton futures in last minute of closing:—March, lowest 34.53, highest 34.59; May, 34.55, 34.66.

COTTON OIL easy.

PETROLEUM steady.

KANSAS CITY.—Wheat easy and 1c. lower. No. 2 hard winter, 109½.

ST. LOUIS.—Wheat steady. No. 2 red winter, 112.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Wheat steady at ⅛c. rise. No. 1 Northern spring, 112½.

WINNIPEG.—Wheat opened steady, ⅛c. down to unchanged, and closed steady, ⅛c. to ⅛c. up. May, 98½; July, 100½. Oats steady and ⅛c. dearer. May, 41⅛.

CHICAGO, Monday.

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U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED IRREGULAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS).

NEW YORK, Monday.

Stocks opened firm. Railroads were sold freely, Union Pacific Common losing 3 points, but the confident buying of many industrials continued, notably Oils, Corn Products, Refining and American Can. The market closed irregular. Government Bonds firm. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 1,190,000 shares. Money on call steady, closing at 4½ per cent. bid and 4¾ per cent. asked. Actual loans were all at these rates, the ruling rate being 4¾ and last loan 4½ per cent. Sterling exchange rates easy. Silver ⅛ up for foreign mined at 65¾.

Atchison Topeka Pref. and Canadian Pacific advanced ½.

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CROP ESTIMATES.

WASHINGTON.

The Crop Reporting Board Bureau crop estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following final estimates of crops from reports of its correspondents and agents:—

This year's acreage—Winter wheat, 39,522,000; spring wheat, 19,799,000; corn, 104,158,000; oats, 40,833,000; barley, 7,905,000; rye, 5,157,000; flaxseed, 2,061,000.

The total production in bushels—Winter wheat, 572,000,000; spring wheat, 213,600,000; corn, 3,054,000,000; oats, 1,300,000,000; barley, 193,000,000; rye, 63,000,000; flaxseed, 17,000,000.

Exc. Centy	Stocks	Closing Bid Prices Sat.	Mon	Business Done. H.	L.
116½	Funded	102⅝	103⅛	—	—
99⅛	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	98½	98½	—	—
90	Do. Preference	87½	88	—	—
6	Baltimore and Ohio	45⅝	45⅝	—	—
68	Canadian Pacific	64½	64⅝	—	—
80⅜	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	79⅝	79⅝	—	—
13	Chic. Mil. & St. Paul	11⅞	11⅞	—	—
58	Chicago and N. West	56	57	—	—
37⅝	Erie 1st Preferred	36	36⅜	—	—
15	Do. 4% Gru. Lien Bds.	14⅝	14⅝	—	—
64⅛	Great Northern Pref.	57⅝	58⅛	—	—
107	Illinois Central	101⅛	101⅝	—	—
68	Lehigh Valley	62⅝	62⅝	—	—
108	Louisville & Nashville	90¾	90¾	—	—
17⅝	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	15	15⅛	—	—
74	Do New 5% Bonds	65¾	66⅜	—	—
60⅝	Do. Adj 5% Bonds	48	48⅜	—	—
11½	Missouri Pacific New	9⅞	10⅛	—	—
3⅝	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	3	3	—	—
13	Do 2nd Pref	10⅞	10⅞	—	—
126⅝	N.Y. Cil. & Hudson R.	109⅛	109⅝	—	—
112⅝	Norfolk & West Com.	103	103	—	—
39⅝	Northern Pacific Com.	37⅞	37⅞	—	—
18⅝	Ontario and Western	16	16	—	—
52⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	47	47⅜	—	—
85⅜	Reading Shares	77⅝	78	—	—
6⅞	Do. 1st Preferred	5⅝	5⅝	—	—
58⅞	Do 4% Mort Bonds	54	54⅝	—	—
47⅝	Southern Railway	43	43⅛	—	—
96⅛	Southern Pacific	87⅜	88⅛	—	—
21⅞	Texas and Pacific	19⅝	19⅝	—	—
141⅜	Union Pacific	128⅞	129⅝	—	—
82⅛	Do. Pref.	75	75⅛	—	—
102⅜	Do. 4% Bonds	98⅝	99⅛	—	—
12⅝	Wabash Common	11⅛	11⅜	—	—
24⅜	Do. Pref.	22⅜	22⅝	—	—
79⅝	Do. Pref. "A"	72⅝	73⅛	—	—
98⅛	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	89⅝	90⅛	—	—
42⅜	Anaconda Copper	38⅝	38⅝	—	—
25⅝	Brit. Amer. Tobacco	23⅝	23⅝	—	—
18⅝	N.Y. Cons. Gas	17⅞	17⅞	—	—
72⅝	General Electric	66	66⅛	—	—
109	U.S. Steel Common	98⅝	98⅝	—	—
126	Do. 1st Preferred	119½	119½	—	—
110⅝	Do. 2nd Pref.	102⅛	102⅛	—	—
9⅝	Silver (Foreign Mined)	6⅝	6⅝	—	—
47⅛	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	36	36⅜	—	—
3⅞	Do. Perld Certs	3	3	—	—
52⅜	Royal Dutch Oil	47⅞	48⅛	—	—
36⅜	Shell Trans	34½	34½	—	—
75⅛	Pan-American Pet.	63⅜	63⅝	—	—
17⅜	Anglo-American Oil	15⅝	15⅝	—	—
16⅝	General Motors	15	15⅛	—	—
42⅜	U.S. Rubber	39	39	—	—

	Saturday.	Monday.
Call Money	Nominal	4½%-4¾%
Ex. on Ln. 60 days' st.	4.81 15/16	4.81 7/8
Ex. on Ln. Demand Bills	4.82 7/16	4.82 3/8
Cable Transfers	4.82 13/16	4.82 7/8
Ex. on Paris	5.21¼	5.21¼
Cotton Mid. Upland	34.35	35.40
Do. New Orleans, Mid.	34.90	34.95
Cottonseed Oil P. Sun.		
Yellow Spot	10.87	11.07
Cot. Seed Oil, Yel., Jan.	11.06	10.96
Petro. Refined, in cases	17.15	17.15
Do. Standard White	12.15	12.00
Do. Philad. Stan. do.	14.00	14.00
Do. Pennsyl., Crude	2.85	2.85
Spirits of Turpentine	94	96
Do. Savannah	87	89½
Resin, Grade K	4.30	4.40
Do. Grade F	4.00	4.00
Lard, Prime West. Stm	13.85	13.80
Do. Midland West	13.50–13.60	13.50–13.60
Tallow Extra	8½	8½
Sugar, New Cuban	3.41	3.41
Corn, West. No. 2 Mix	86¼	86
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Wtr.	121	121¼
Do. No. 2 Red Winter	121	121¼
Do. No. 2 Mix. Drm	108½	108
Coffee, Rio No. 7	16½	16
Flour Spring Clears	5.60–5.10	5.60–5.10
Iron, No. 2 Nor. Fdry.	22.00	21.00	22.00–23.00
Tin, Straits	47.15	47.00
Zinc, East St. Louis	6.25	6.30
Electrolytic Cop. Spot	13¾–13¾	13¾–13¾
Do do. Futures	13¾	13¾
Freight Heavy Grain to U. Kingdom, per bushel.	2/6 –/3	2/6–3/3
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Freight, Cont. to L'pool (high density)	25	25
Do. Stand. (per 100lb.)	50	50

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Monday.

WHEAT.—Spot market firm and 1c. dearer. No export engagements were reported. The visible supply of wheat in the United States has increased 1,251,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 75,805,000 bushels; last year, 34,297,000 bushels. The visible supply of wheat in Canada has increased 22,054,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 28,585,000; last year, 24,427,000 bushels. The week's export clearances from the Atlantic seaboard total 5,477,000 bushels; last year, 5,365,000 bushels. Receipts—Atlantic, 882,000; last year, 1,131,000. Clearances, 593,000; last year, 1,364,000.

FLOUR steady.

CORN on spot steady, but 1c. lower. The visible supply of corn has increased 383,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 4,782,000; last year, 13,471,000. The week's export clearances from the Atlantic seaboard totals 50,000 bushels; last year, 471,000. The week's export clearances—Oats, 880,000 bushels; last year, 335,000. Flour, 328,000 barrels; last year, 345,000. Receipts—Atlantic, 202,000; last year, 205,000. Clearances, nil; last year 497,000.

LARD.—Cash market quiet and unaltered.

COFFEE opened irregular, 4 points lower to 10 points higher. Favorable Brazilian market advices and buying by trade interests and importers caused values to advance for a while, then under realising partial recessions were made, but the market finished with a steady tone at 2 to 16 points gain. Spot firm and 4c. up. Stocks of Brazilian coffee total 591,000 bags, compared with 555,000 last week. The week's warehouse deliveries aggregate 272,000 bags, against 330,000 last week. Approximate sales—23,000 bags. December 10.30; March, 9.55; May, 9.90; July, 9.74; September, 9.49.

RUBBER steady 1c. to ¼c. up. First latex crepe, 26½; smoked ribbed sheets, 26½.

SUGAR steady and unchanged. Porto Rico unquoted. Futures irregular and unchanged to 3 points down. Approximate future sales—5,000 tons. January, 5.30; March, 4.66; May, 4.70; July, 4.77.

COTTON opened firm, 9 to 36 points, and went higher owing to the improved conditions of the cotton goods market, encouraging cable news, heavier exports, trade buying, expected decrease in the movement, a better demand of a public character, and higher Southern spot markets. A partial reaction took place later on curtailment by New England mills selling by New Orleans interests, and realising; then the market rose again under Wall street and local bull support, and closed strong, 118 to 95 points up. Spot steady at 118 points gain. New Orleans spot unchanged. Receipts—Atlantic, 54,000; Gulf, 17,000. Exports—Britain, 92,000; Continent, 92,000. Futures in last 20 seconds of trading:—December, lowest 33.00, highest 35.10; January, 34.28, 34.30; February, 34.49, 34.49; March, 34.70, 34.80; April, 34.80, 34.80; May, 34.90, 34.92; June, 34.40, 34.40; July, 34.10, 34.17; August, 31.20, 31.20; September, 29.80, 29.80; October, 28.35, 28.49; November, 28.06, 28.06. New Orleans cotton futures in last minute of closing—March, lowest 34.58, highest 34.69; May, 34.55, 34.66.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE.

FIRST OF WINTER SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

The first of the series of winter social gatherings, arranged by the Society of St. George, was held in the Central Hotel, Dublin, last Friday. After supper, selections were rendered by Madame Heller, Messrs. Ed. James, Tinsley and Cox, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual toasts were honoured with acclamation.

It was announced that among other events it is hoped to hold a children's party early in the New Year, and a dance in February.

The Society of St. George, Ireland, which is affiliated to the Royal Society of St. George, is unsectarian and non-political. Its principal object is to afford a common ground of social intercourse between English men and women resident in Ireland. The hon. secretary is Mr. P. S. Williams, 51 Upper Baggot street, Dublin.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Standing Commission of the Dublin Presbytery, it was reported that the ordination of Mr. James McCaughey in Howth Church will take place on Wednesday, January 16th, at 7.30 p.m. The Moderator and the Rev. J. L. Morrow will preach. The induction of the Rev. Ernest J. McKee in Bray Church will take place on Thursday, January 17th, at 7.30. The Rev. F. S. Gardiner will officiate.

On Tuesday last the Presbytery of Belfast received the resignation of the Rev. J. D. Craig Houston, who has completed forty-nine years in the ministry. During this period Mr. Houston has been a prominent figure in the intellectual and literary life of Belfast, as well as a successful minister of a country parish in the neighbourhood.

The Argentine Government intends to effect economies amounting to 100,000,000 pesos (£16,500,000) in the 1924 Budget.

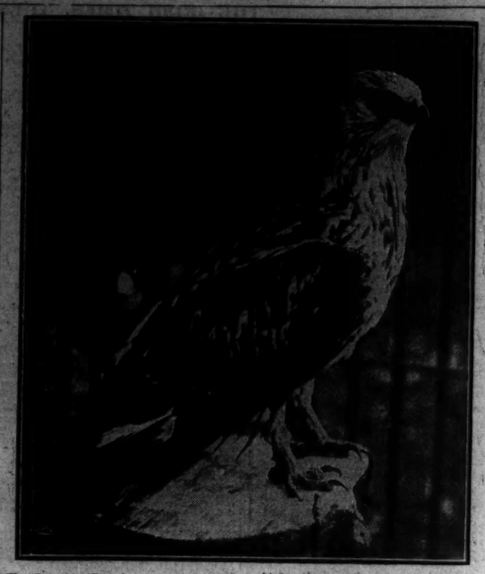
JUMP IN COTTON PRICES.

NEW YORK, Monday.

On the Cotton market to-day values jumped sensationally in the last hour. Efforts by "bulls" to replace "Long" lines met with heavy competition from trade interests and "shorts." The big exports and strong Southern spot markets added impetus, and the market closed strong, 97 to 116 points higher.

MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

A report from the Kilcommon district of the County Tipperary states that a man named Nolan lost his life by the accidental discharge of a rifle on Saturday last. It is stated that he was on his way with the son of a neighbour to dig potatoes. Getting possession of two rifles the men jokingly pointed the weapons at each other, when an explosion was heard, and Nolan fell with a bullet in his head. He died in a few minutes.



The Beautiful Rough-legged Buzzard now in the Dublin Zoo. A full description appeared in the *Irish Times* yesterday.

BUSINESS ONLY.

NO MORE POLITICS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

By six votes to three Wexford Rural District Council has adopted a motion that in future resolutions of a political nature will not be considered.

Mr. C. McCarthy, who opposed the motion, said that it emanated from Kildare street Club. As long as the struggle for independence continued they would have political discussions.

Mr. W. White declared that they had allowed too much politics to be discussed at their meetings, and that the Council had been turned into a kind of side-show, to which every Tom, Dick and Harry could come along with political resolutions.

Mr. Whelan said that they were elected to look after the health and social welfare of the people. They were neglecting that business. The people who elected him were sick and tired of politics, and did not want him to attend meetings and waste time in the discussion of politics.

THE LATE VISCOUNT ALLENDALE.

The King was represented at the memorial Service for the late Viscount Allendale, held at Christ Church, London, yesterday, His Majesty's representative being the Earl of Lucan. The Service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Hilliard, vicar of Christ Church. Among the congregation were Lord Long, Earl Beauchamp, Lord Onslow, Lord and Lady Nunburnholme, Lord Stamfordham, Sir Douglas Dawson and the Marquis and Marchioness of Sligo.

SENATE MEETS TO-MORROW.

The Senate will sit to-morrow for the consideration of the following bills which have been passed by the Dail:—Courts of Justice Bill (second reading), Interpretation Bill (second reading), Expiring Laws Continuance Bill (second reading), Local Government Electors Registration Bill (Committee), Local Elections Postponement (Amendment) Bill, Local Authorities (Indemnity) Bill.

FARTHING DAMAGES.

ACTION AGAINST BELFAST COUNCILLOR.

In the Northern High Court yesterday, William Donnan, farmer, of Carntall, Carnmoney, claimed £500 damages from Thomas English, a member of the Belfast Corporation, who carries on business as a dairyman at 187 North Queen street, Belfast, for alleged slander.

The plaintiff alleges that on August 24th, in the presence of several persons in Chichester street, the defendant, addressing him, said:—"You have frauded me in three hundred-weight of hay. You are liable to six years' imprisonment, and will get at least six months. This has been going on for ten years, and I will now put a stop to it."

The defendant denied having used the words complained of, and, as an alternative defence, declared that if he uttered the words: "You have frauded me of three hundred-weight of hay," it was on a privileged occasion and without malice.

The jury found for the plaintiff, and awarded one farthing damages.

TAILTEANN GAMES.

DIRECTOR'S REQUEST TO DUBLIN ROTARIANS.

Mr. J. J. Walsh, director of the Tailteann Games, addressing the weekly luncheon meeting of the Dublin Rotary Club yesterday, appealed to the members of the club to assist the Games by appointing a special Committee to arrange and supervise the decorations of the city of Dublin in connection with the coming great national festival.

There was not the slightest doubt, said Mr. Walsh, that visitors would be attracted by the Games in very large numbers, and it was a matter of the utmost importance that they should receive the best impression possible of the capital city of the Free State. The decoration of the city could be effected with very little expense if the citizens were shown how to co-operate in the task to the best advantage.

On the motion of Mr. J. Redmond, seconded by Mr. P. J. Lawrence, it was decided to form a Provisional Committee to consider the matter. The Committee will report their decision to Mr. Walsh.

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Do. Lucano	-	4/6
Do. Kinta (Brown)	-	5/6
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STUFF GOWN'S THIRD WIN.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

DERBY, Monday Night.

A total of 89 runners in one day at a jumping meeting in the week before Christmas is something of a curiosity, yet that is what we saw here this afternoon. The contrasts in England between different days at this time of the year are astonishing; one day is as lifeless as possible, while another—like this afternoon—goes with a swing from start to finish. Seventeen runners for the Selling Hurdle and seventeen for the Selling Steeplechase, as occurred in the first two events to-day, is a circumstance to wonder at.

ARDEEN BEATS TURKEY BUZZARD.

There was one particularly fine race, too, that for the Derbyshire Handicap Steeplechase, where the six-year-old ex-hunter, Ardeen, who was bought in Ireland for a very small sum, just managed to beat the slashing three-mile 'chaser, Turkey Buzzard, by a head. There were nine runners here, most of them Irish bred, and Turkey Buzzard was naturally favourite. Backers paid Ballinode the compliment of making her second favourite in spite of her penalty, and Soldier Bill was the outsider of the party at 20 to 1. Quite early on Ballinode came down, as did Snipe's Bridge, and two fences from home Ocean Star carried Arthur Stubbs out of the course. Hogan did not attempt to force the pace on Turkey Buzzard, but at the last fence he headed Ardeen. From that point there was a great race between the pair, Turkey Buzzard holding a slight advantage. Captain Bennett, however, would not allow himself to be beaten, and Ardeen came again to win by a head. Jimmu was third, a length away, and Soldier Bill finished fourth.

POTEEN UNLUCKY.

One of the surprising things of the day was to find Potheen, whom Mr. Rogers sold to Lord Londesborough last year, made a red-hot favourite at 11 to 8 in a huge field for the Long Distance Hurdle. He may have been a little unlucky to lose, for he made a blunder at the last obstacle, and this let up Tower Hill to win by a length. Tower Hill is a horse of such moderate class that, after winning a very poor selling steeplechase at the last Chelmsford meeting, he was sold to his present owner for 115 guineas. And yet today he beat good-class horses like Assaroe, Kilvemnon, and Rung Ho.

Southannan's useful son, Down South, won the Elvaston Steeplechase in a canter for Mr. C. F. Kenyon, the Red Knight not entering the lists. Stuff Gown won his third successive race when he gained a clever victory from Battle Cruiser in the Three-Year-Old Hurdle Race. This son of Juniso, who was bred by Mr. Peter Fitzgerald, may well be quite the smartest young hurdler we have seen this season, and we shall look forward to his meeting Civic Guard and Savernake. In the Selling Hurdle, Waltzaway, who was well backed, fell, as did Drinmoyle.

To-morrow MITCHELLS is the best thing of the day in the Ashbourne Maiden Hurdle. Ben Cruchan may not be started for the Rugeley Steeplechase, but Rathmore is a likely runner. The best, however, appears to be HAIRPIN II. THE HEIR, who ran well against Helmet at Haydock Park, may win the Belper Steeplechase.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

DERBY.

1.0 Race—7 to 4 agst. Young Heroine, 3 to 1 Run Honey, 9 to 2 Achilleion, 11 to 2 Mebos, 7 to 1 Parlour Tricks, 8 to 1 By Mistake, 10 to 1 Fanwinder, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—7 to 2 agst. Monkey Climb, 9 to 2 Newtown Wonder, 5 to 1 Life Buoy, 7 to 1 Sun Chap, 8 to 1 each Wild Pam and Blaenor, 10 to 1 each Ben Beoch and Bruff Battle, 100 to 8 each My Violet and Foolproof, 100 to 7 each Appellant and Sancho Panza, 20 to 1 any other.

2.0 Race—5 to 4 agst. Mitchells, 2 to 1 Isle of Wight, 5 to 1 Westview, 7 to 1 Hidden Gun, 8 to 1 Clackmannan, 10 to 1 each Lemstar and Ethereal, 100 to 8 any other.

2.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. Wavetown, 11 to 4 Zenon, 9 to 2 Marchesi, 6 to 1 Glengarry II., 7 to 1 Dudley, 8 to 1 Radnor, 10 to 1 Morning Star, 100 to 8 any other.

3.0 Race—6 to 4 agst. Chin Chin, 3 to 1 Tipperary Tim, 4 to 1 Manister Swell, 5 to 1 Hedu, 7 to 1 Kilvemnon, 8 to 1 Rathmore, 10 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—9 to 4 agst. The Heir, 3 to 1 Emboss, 4 to 1 Ballycapple, 11 to 2 Layman, 7 to 1 Navana, 8 to 1 each Lochar and Nitric, 10 to 1 Northbrook, 100 to 8 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

DERBY.

1. 0—Young Heroine.
1.30—Monkey Climb.
2. 0—Mitchells.
2.30—Wavetown.
3. 0—Chin Chin.
3.30—The Heir.

DOUBLE EVENT—Mitchells (nap) and Wavetown.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Mirror:—Double — Mitchells (nap) and Marchesi.

Daily News:—Double—Mitchells and The Heir.

Daily Graphic:—Double — Mitchells and Marchesi.

Daily Express:—Double — Mitchells and Marchesi. Safety bet—Mitchells (to win).

Daily Chronicle:—Double — Mitchells and Marchesi. "To Beat the Book"—Marchesi.

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Mitchells. Double—Mitchells and Hairpin II.

Daily Mail:—Special selection—Mitchells.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Nassau Stakes, Goodwood, and Leicestershire Oaks, Leicester, 1924—Goddess.
North Ashbourne Hurdle, Derby—Victor.
Crowhurst Hurdle, Lingfield—Mister Black.
Ashdown Hurdle, Lingfield—Argos II.
Chelmsford engagements, December 19—Sundrop.
All engagements in Mrs Weeden's name—Rookwood.
Sedgefield engagements—Little Buffet.
Wolverhampton engagements—Varelor and Clackmannan.
Boxing Day Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Bedelia.
All engagements—Birdee (dead).
Osmaston Hurdle, Derby—Langside.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Charteris has disposed of his Irish Derby winner, Ballyheron, to the Polish Government. Ballyheron won in 1921.

Milton Henry, the American ex-jockey, who has been in Rumania for two years, is now in Paris, on his way back to the States, where he will train for Mr. Holland, a Californian sportsman.

The New York Metropolitan district will not have a monopoly of Epinard when he goes to the States next year, as one of the six races in which he is to take part will be run on a Kentucky track, either at Latonia or Churchill Downs.

BILLIARDS.

FALKINER v. INMAN.

The second week's play in this match was resumed yesterday. For the first time since the commencement of the game Inman took the lead. The principal breaks were 96, 127, and 85 by Falkiner, and 150, 140, and 197 by Inman. Interval scores:—Inman, 8,456; Falkiner (in play), 8,303.

In the evening Inman held the advantage gained in the afternoon, and was responsible for 165, 303, and 52 (unfinished). Falkiner's best were 105 and 130. Closing scores:—Inman (in play), 9,212; Falkiner, 8,865.

DERBY RESULTS.

1.0—DERWENT (S.) HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £150. 2 m.
Colonel R. L. Birkin's NADINE by Naledi—Allumette, 9, 10-4 ......F. Brooks 1
Mr. McLean's CAMELOT, 10, 11-4...Watkinson 2
Mr. Bankier's BARNAWEE, 7, 11-5 ......J. Anthony 3

Also ran:—Time Enough (Major Doyle), Flying Winkfield (G. Wall), Artistry (G. Goswell), Ingoe (Captain Bennet), Tally-ho (T. R. Lodes), Drinmoyle (Mr. Chapman), Signum (Howard), Waltzaway (A. Stubbs), Manister Rustle (Sheridan), Wrangle (A. Escott), Wood Ant (T. Moreau), Snow Man (Moran), Fardree (R. Lyall), Edens Green (Behan). Off 1.0. (Winner trained by W. Payne.)

Betting—4 to 1 agst. Wrangle, 9 to 2 Camelot, 6 to 1 Barnawee, 7 to 1 Artistry, 8 to 1 Waltzaway, 20 to 1 each NADINE, Signum, and Ingoe, 30 to 1 any other.

Won by a length and a half; four lengths.
The winner was sold to Mr. E. Tomlinson for 120 sovs.

1.30—DUFFIELD (S.) HURDLE of £150. 2 m.
Mr. Holmes' br. g. BOLD CHAP, by Picton—Shy Missie, 6, 12-3 ......Sheridan, jun. 1
Mr. Ingram's LORD THANET, 6, 12-3 ...Johns 2
Mr. Brueton's BOMBPROOF, 7, 12-3...Piggott 3

Also ran:—By Proxy (Anthony), Scottish Knight (J. Hogan, jun.), Navan Boy (Owner), Little Murdoch (Major Wilson), Foolproof (G. Goswell), Raemore (J. Mason), My Pal (Hamey), Uncle David (Jacklin), Catskin (Sully), Doubler (Sheddon), Stellation (Mr. A. Knowles), Questionnaire (Captain Bennet), Crumple (Sargean), Aquatamia (Bletsoe). Off 1.32. (Winner trained by Hogan.)

Betting—11 to 10 on Scottish Knight, 7 to 1 agst. Raemore, 10 to 1 each BOLD CHAP and Stellation, 100 to 8 each Lord Thanet, Bombproof, and By Proxy, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; a neck.
The winner was bought in for 360 sovs.

2.0—THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.
Mr. Wootton's b. c. STUFF GOWN, by Junior—Porphyria, 11-5 ......F. Wootton 1
Sir W. de Frece's BATTLE CRUISER, 10-7 ......G. Goswell 2
Lord Cawley's FORMIDABLE, 11-0 ...G. Wall 3

Also ran:—Ascham (Sully), Ferryhill (Chipperfield), Manister Star (T. Sheridan, jun.), Captivity (D. Dick), Second Crop (Mr. P. Dennis), Young Man's Fancy (G. Smith), Schoolgate (Fish), Kittiwake (McMoran), Jeanagee (T. Moreau), Granforte (Bullin), Vonna (J. Mason), Bridge of Dun (A. Escott). Off 2.0. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)

Betting—15 to 8 on STUFF GOWN, 7 to 2 agst. Battle Cruiser, 10 to 1 Schoolgate, 100 to 8 each Ascham and Ferryhill, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by a length and a half; three lengths.

2.30—LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 2½ m.
Mr. Waller's b. g. TOWER HILL, by His Majesty—Merciless, 5, 10-0 ......W. Smyth 1
Lord Londesborough's POTHEEN, 6, 10-1 ......F. Wootton 2
Mr. Piggott's KIWI, 5, 10-8 ......G. Smith 3

Also ran—Assaroe (A. Newey), Rung Ho (J. Mason), Front Line (Owner), Prosperitz (A. Escott), Kilvemnon (G. Wall), Manister Bridge (Tighe), Red Iron (Captain Bennet), Hogier (D. Dick), Annam (F. Rees), The Cuban (Waudby), Holy Wizard (F. Brookes), Red Rory (Mr. P. Dennis), Simon's Glory (G. Goswell), The Jester III. (Taylor), Kilgubbin (Mr. T. Bird). Off 2.32. (Winner trained by Smyth.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. Potheen, 5 to 1 Annam, 7 to 1 TOWER HILL, 8 to 1 Assaroe, 10 to 1 Prosperitz, 100 to 8 each Red Iron, The Cuban, Simon's Glory, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by a length; two lengths.

3.0—DERBYSHIRE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £300. 3 m.
Sir K. Fraser's br. g. ARDEEN, by Evicted—Penryn, 6, 11-11 ......Capt. Bennet 1
Mrs. H. Hollins's TURKEY BUZZARD, 10, 12-7 ......J. Hogan, jun. 2
Mr. Sanday's JIMMU, 9, 12-0 ......G. Goswell 3

Also ran—Bodyguard (J. Anthony), Ocean Star (A. Stubbs), Snipe's Bridge (Major Doyle), Soldier Bill (Tighe), Ballinode (Fitzgibbon), Outlaw (A. Escott). Off 3.3. (Winner trained Privately.)

Betting—5 to 4 agst. Turkey Buzzard, 4 to 1 Ballinode, 6 to 1 each Outlaw and Snipe's Bridge, 7 to 1 Bodyguard, 10 to 1 Jimmu, 100 to 8 each ARDEEN and Ocean Star, 20 to 1 Soldier Bill.

Won by a head; a length.

3.30—ELVASTON STEEPLECHASE of £100. 2 m.
Mr. Kenyon's b. g. DOWN SOUTH, by Southannan—Supple Negress, 6, 11-11 G. Goswell 1
Mr. Bradley's KNOCKANOUR, 5, 11-0 ......Mr. A. Knowles 2
Captain Speed's SLOVENLY SAINT, 6, 11-11 ......Moroney 3

Also ran—Dafur (Major Doyle), Galtee Boy (Captain Bennet), Roughwater (McMorran), John Peel (Sargeant), Conciliation II. (Croney), Donegal (T. Moreau), Foxbound (W. Burke), Bright Prospect (F. Fish), Donese (W. Lees), Bush Buck (Major Cavanagh). Off 3.31. (Winner trained by Davis.)

Betting—5 to 4 agst. DOWN SOUTH, 6 to 1 each Galtee Boy and John Peel, 7 to 1 Donegal, 10 to 1 each Dafur and Bright Prospect, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by four lengths; eight lengths.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

The second stage of the programme at Derby is quite attractive. Good entries have been secured for most of the events, and, as several horses are already on the spot, fields look like assuming large proportions. Selections:—

Selling Hurdle—**Young Heroine.**
Osmaston Hurdle—**Lifebuoy.**
Ashbourne Hurdle—**Mitchells.**
Burton Steeplechase—***Marchesi.**
Rugeley Steeplechase—**Sidro.**
Belper Steeplechase—**Northbrook.**

[The figures in front of the names of the horses are an index to placings in their last three engagements—reading from right to left; (s) signifies started slowly.]

1.0—SELLING THREE-Y.O. HURDLE of £150. 1½ m.
RUN HONEY (Mr. Lines) ......Lines 10 9
043 YOUNG HEROINE (Mr. E. Stanley) ......Hastings 10 9
(The above have arrived.)
011 PARLOUR TRICKS (Mr. Adams) Newey 10 9
34 DUNCOMB (Mr. F. Archer)...F. Archer 10 9
0 FLIGHTY (Mrs. Bennett) ......Bennett 10 9
4 ROYAL SPORT (Mrs. Bennett) ......Bennett 10 9
0 ODDFORD (Sir H. Bird) ......Hammond 10 9
00 COUNT VOLTA (Mr. Bolton) ......F. Lyall 10 9
004 MEBOS (Mr. R. Brandon) ......Bennett 10 9
ANOTHER DUKE (Mr. Evans) ...Stubbs 10 9
00 LOUVETEAU (Mr. Glasspool)...T. Leader 10 9
042 BOY MAC (Mr. Goodman) ......Smyth 10 9
00 STONE AXE (Mrs. Gregson)...G. Young 10 9
FAWINDOR (Mr. Hands) ......Saxby 10 9
403 ACHILLEION (Mr. Hiddick) ......Spittle 10 9
04 CHARLIE'S GIFT (Mr. E. Osborn) ......F. Lyall 10 9
NEEDLE AND THREAD (Mr. Parry) ......T. Leader 10 9
000 SPICEY (Mr. Pickering) ......Pickering 10 9
GREY LADY (Captain J. Renwick) ......J. Renwick 10 9
343 BY MISTAKE (Mr. Russell) ......Russell 10 9
0 IRSTOCK (Mr. Thirlby) ......Chamberlin 10 9
000 PLUS FOURS (Mr. R. Thorburn) Spittle 10 9
000 COCK EYE (Mr. Warner) ......Burroughs 10 9
GAY COSTER (Capt. Wilson) J. Renwick 10 9

1.30—OSMASTON (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 2 m.
431 LIFE BUOY (Mr. Arnold) D. Harrison 9 12 9
002 SUN CHAP (Mr. Bankier)...Hastings 6 11 7
000 APPELLANT (Mrs. Aldworth) ......Woodman 5 11 5
300 MAYFLY (Mr. Hoyle) ......Reader 6 11 5
040 WILD PAM (Mr. Coulthwaite) ......Coulthwaite 10 11 3
000 JARGOON (Mr. W. Black) ......Bissill 4 11 1
000 THE MERCHANT (Mr. Kimberley) ......Rooney 5 10 11
THE BAILIFF (Mr. F. Barling) Lyall 5 10 7
000 HELSDELITE (Capt. R. Hastings) ......Butchers 5 10 6
04 CHARLIE'S GIFT (Mr. E. Osborn) ......F. Lyall 3 10 4
(The above have arrived.)
302 MORE RAIN (Mr. Ross) W. Sanderson 12 12 7
0 WISE GIRSHA (Mr. Tasker) Roberts 6 12 0
200 STELLATION (Mr. Bradley)...Knowles 4 12 0
3 TEPUS (Mr. H. Hunt) ......M. Hunt 4 11 12
020 TIP TREE (Mr. Hiley) ......Wiley 4 11 12
111 BEN BEOCH (Mr. Russell)...Russell 10 11 12
000 KONKY (Mr. Whiteman) ......Burns 6 11 10
000 CALL THE GAME (Mr. Braston) ......Barthropp 6 11 8
000 REGICLES (Mr. Parry) ......Bullock 8 11 6
100 KING'S GOVERNOR (Mr. Prince) ......Hedges 4 11 5
303 SANCHO PANZA (Lord Killeen) Kirk 6 11 5
200 FOOL PROOF (Mr. Kenyon)...J. Dodd 6 11 4
00 DOCTOR'S CALL (Mr. D. Power) Luby 5 11 3
320 BLAENOR (Mr. Peel)...H. Harrison 6 11 3
000 GRANARD BOY (Mr. Evans) Stubbs 6 11 1
100 NEWTOWN WONDER (Mr. D. Dickson) ......Coulthwaite 6 11 0
0 WINNEZEELE (Mr. W. Smith) ......J. Lyall 6 11 0
030 FORTUNE (Mr. Cope) ......Newey 5 10 13
302 MANVER (Mr. Lawrie) ......Private 4 10 13
0 VISHNU (Mr. Bentley) ......Barthropp 4 10 12
000 MUIC HOLLOA (Mr. Waddington) ......Waddington 6 10 12
010 GROUND SCOUT (Mr. H. Brown) ......H. Brown 5 10 12
000 LEASINGHAM ROSS (Mr. Mosley) ......Mosley 5 10 11
40 TRANSFORM (Mr. Barry)...D. Rogers 5 10 10
200 BALLYHANDY (Miss Howard Smith) ......Hogan 11 10 8
000 ROCK DRILL (Mrs. T. Greenwood) ......Moss 7 10 8
04 BRUFF BATTLE (Mrs. H. Brown) ......H. Brown 4 10 7
000 LAMU (Mr. Kemp) ......Kemp 5 10 5
4 MY VIOLET (Capt. Delmege)...Private 5 10 4
200 MONKEY CLIMB (Mr. R. Jones) ......Fitzgerald 8 10 0

2.0—ASHBOURNE MAIDEN HURDLE of £100. 2 m.
112 MITCHELLS (Mr. F. Barling)...Barling 4 12 0
4 MAGOYA (Mr. Osborn) ......F. Lyall 4 11 9
42 HIDDEN GUN (Mr. Hoyle) ......Reader 4 11 9
4 MURKY PAST (Mr. Osborn)...F. Lyall 4 11 9
(The above have arrived.)
221 VESUVIUS (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) ......J. Renwick 6 12 7
LEMSTAR (Mr. Kenyon) ......Davis 5 12 0
LOW TIDE (Mr. Bowser) Coulthwaite 6 12 0 ......Coulthwaite 5 12 0
333 WESTVIEW (Mr. Turner) ......Bullock 6 12 0
ORMOND BOY (Mr. Wallis) Private 6 12 0
PERDIX (Mr. Watkins) ......Whitaker 6 12 0
50 HIGHLANDER (Mrs. Brown) ......Butchers 5 12 0
040 MANISTER FIELD (Mr. Hastings) ......Hastings 6 12 0
DRUMVANEY (Mr. Laidlaw) ......Coulthwaite 4 11 10
FROTHELLO (Mr. J. Johnson) ......Coulthwaite 4 11 10
303 LENGLEN (Mr. Adams) ......Newey 4 11 9
00 ANTIPHINE (Capt. Adams) ......Angus 4 11 9
ISLE OF WIGHT (Mr. [illegible]) ......[illegible] 4 11 9
PANTAGRUEL II. (Mr. Orton) ......[illegible] 4 11 9
FAST LEAD (Mr. [illegible]) ......[illegible] 4 11 9
450 CLACKMANNAN (Mr. C. Nugent) ......[illegible] 4 11 9
GERALD JUNIOR (Mr. [illegible]) ......Harrison 4 11 9
003 EAGLE'S TAIL (Mr. Harker) ......Long 4 11 9
ETHEREAL (Sir B. Jardine) ......Coulthwaite 4 11 9
SLEEPING PARTNER (Mr. [illegible]) ......Scott 4 11 9
03 GOLDEN DUKE (Mr. T. Richardson) ......Bullock 4 11 9
0 PAULINUS (Miss Rodocanachi) ......Carroll 4 11 9
40 HAPPY RELEASE (Mr. Sellars) ......Davis 4 11 9
040 IRISH COUSIN (Mr. Maude) ......H. Hunt 4 11 9
COLINDALE (Mr. Mason) ......Sissons 4 11 9
TOOT TOOT (Mr. J. Lyall) J. Lyall 4 11 9
LOCH FYNE (Mr. Kenyon) ......J. Dodd 4 11 9
0 VICTOR (Mr. Sellars) ......Earl 4 11 9
HERE'S HOPING (Mr. B. Young) ......Private 4 11 9
313 KEEP COOL (Mr. Midwood) ......Whitaker 4 11 9

2.30—BURTON HANDICAP CHASE of £250. 2 m.
010 CHIN CHIN (Sir F. Price)...Gilbert 7 12 0
443 WAVETOWN (Mr. Hood) ......Ferguson 6 11 9
110 MARCHESI (Mr. Barry)......D. Rogers 6 11 5
2 RADNOR (Mr. Bissill) ......Bissill 6 11 5
002 MORNING STAR (Mr. Boyle) ......T. Leader 8 10 13
100 GLENGARRY II. (Major Straker) ......Jackson 9 10 8
(The above have arrived.)
314 ZENON (Mr. O'Reilly)...H. Harrison 8 12 7
233 MR. MADCAP (Sir H. Webb) ......D. Harrison 6 12 1
144 GOOD POINTS (Mr. Filmer-Sankey) ......H. Brown 8 11 7
440 SUPER-MAN (Mr. Bankier) Hastings 9 11 5
220 SHERSTON (Sir R. Tate)...Gardner 8 11 4
114 DUDLEY (Lord Londesborough) ......D. Brown 9 11 2

3.0—RUGELEY 'CHASE of £100. 3 m.
010 CHIN CHIN (Sir F. Price) ......Gilbert 7 12 0
110 MARCHESI (Mr. Barry) ......D. Rogers 6 12 0
10 KILVEMNON (Ld. Marthyr) Chambers 6 12 0
SIDRO (Capt. Lowenstein) Chambers 6 12 0
RADIO REX (Maj. Pigot-Moodie) ......F. Browne 5 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
101 HAIRPIN II. (Mr. Sanday) ......Sanday 9 12 0
330 CONJUROR II. (Maj. Dewhurst) ......Coulthwaite 11 12 0
24 BEN CRUCHAN (Mr. Barbour) Ireland 9 12 0
01 TURKEY BUZZARD (Mrs. Hollins) ......W. Payne 10 12 0
221 SHAUN SPADAH (Sir M. McAlpine) ......Poole 12 12 0
232 HEDU (Mr. H. Brown) ......H. Brown 12 12 0
144 GOOD POINTS (Mr. Filmer-Sankey) ......H. Brown 8 11 0
301 MANISTER SWELL (Mr. Hogan) ......Hogan 8 11 0
123 TIPPERARY TIM (Mr. Kenyon) ......J. Dodd 8 11 0
0 RED TURK Capt. Browne) Withington 10 10 0
000 BILL MURPHY (Mr. Crossley) Private 9 10 0
RATHMORE (Mr. Hood) ......Ferguson 6 10 0
000 THE LOUT (Mr. A. Moore) ......Dever 4 10 0
00 JACKETTE (Mr. Peterson) ......Peterson 6 10 0
050 JACK SPRAGGON (Mr. de Reuter) ......Private 4 10 0

3.30—BELPER HANDICAP 'CHASE of £100. 2 m.
000 NAVANA (Mr. Kenyon) ......Davis 9 12 1
004 LOCHAR (Capt. Wright) ......Bunn 9 10 13
000 NITRIC (Mr. Hood) ......Ferguson 8 10 13
000 NORTHBROOK (Col. Seckar) ......Ferguson 6 10 5
000 BACKDALE (Mr. E. Stanley) Hastings 6 10 0
010 DUTCH DOLL (Mrs. J. Bird) ......Private 5 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
113 FLY MASK (Mr. Laidlaw) Coulthwaite 6 12 7
320 SHERSTON (Sir R. Tate) ......Gardner 8 12 4
0 EMBOSS (Sir T. Stafford) ......Luby 6 11 12
000 MRS. DRUMMOND (Ld. Grimthorpe) ......Palmer 8 11 11
123 TIPPERARY TIM (Mr. Kenyon) ......J. Dodd 8 11 10
023 THE HEIR (Mr. H. Harrison) ......H. Harrison 9 11 9
101 MY ROYAL (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Kenyon) ......J. Dodd 12 11 9
230 COSAQUE (Mr. E. Lloyd) ......Jackson 8 11 7
232 HEDU (Mr. H. Brown) ......H. Brown 12 11 5
101 DELIRIUM (Col. Paynter) ......Chadwick 10 11 3
424 KNOCKOROGHERY II. (Lt. Londesborough) ......M. Brown 9 11 4
000 RED ROCK (Miss D. Dennis) Barthropp 8 11 3
001 LAYMAN (Mr. Cope) ......Newey 8 11 2
000 NAPUE (Mr. Boyle) ......Webb 8 11 0
130 BUDDY (Mr. Bromley) ......H. Harrison 6 10 13
002 ANIMOSITY (Mr. Peacocke) ......R. Payne 10 11 0
012 RED PEPPER III. (Mr. Knowles) ......Knowles 6 11 0
004 WINGATE (Maj. Ewbank) ......Hetts 11 10 10
021 BALLYCAPPLE (Col. R. L. Birkin) ......W. Payne 10 10 5
110 HOLIDAY MAKER (Mr. Lowe) Dever 10 10 5
033 STRIKE BREAKER (Mr. Burroughs) ......Burroughs 6 10 4

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S DERBY MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Young Heroine.*	Monkey Climb.	Mitchells.	Mr. Madcap.	Hairpin II.	Mr. Kenyon's best.
Man on the Spot	Young Heroine.	Monkey Climb.	Mitchells.	Wavetown.	Hairpin II.	Fly Mask.
Sporting Life	Mebos.	Sun Chap.	Mitchells.	Glengarry II.*	Rathmore.	The Heir.
Man on the Spot	Parlour Tricks.	Ben Beoch.	Mitchells.	Radnor.	Hairpin II.*	The Heir.
Westminster Gazette	Achilleion.	Ben Beoch.	Mitchells.	Glengarry II.	Hairpin II.	The Heir.
Daily News	Young Heroine.	Newtown Wonder.	Mitchells.*	Wavetown.	Manister Swell.	The Heir.
Daily Chronicle	Parlour Tricks.	Ben Beoch; if ab., Monkey Climb.	Mitchells.*	Marchesi.	Hairpin II.	Layman.
Daily Express	Plus Fours; if ab., Young Heroine.	Sancho Panza; if ab., Sun Chap.	Mitchells.*	Marchesi (next best).	Hairpin II.; if ab., Chin Chin.	The Heir; if ab., Hedu.
Daily Mirror	Run Honey.	Monkey Climb.	Mitchells.	Marchesi.	Hairpin II.	Sherston.
Daily Graphic	Run Honey.	Bruff Battle.	Mitchells.	Marchesi.*	Hairpin II.	Delirium.
Star	Young Heroine.	Blaenor.*	Mitchells.	Glengarry II.	Shaun Spadah.	The Heir.
Evening News	Fanwindor.	Monkey Climb.	Mitchells.*	Marchesi.	Hairpin II.*	The Heir.
Evening Standard	Mebos.	Ben Beoch.	Mitchells.	Glengarry II.	Conjuror II.	Sherston.
Times	Young Heroine.	Vishnu.	Mitchells.	Marchesi.	Chin Chin.	Hedu.
Daily Mail	—	The Bailiff.	Mitchells.	Marchesi.	Hairpin II.	—

RUGBY.

ENGLAND V. THE REST.

Following Saturday's trial the following teams were chosen for the above match at Twickenham on Saturday, January 5:—

England—T. E. Holliday (Cumberland); H. C. Catcheside (Northumberland), L. J. Corbett (Bristol), H. M. Locke (Cheshire), H. P. Jacob (Oxford University); E. Myers (Yorkshire), A. T. Young (Cambridge University); R. Armstrong (Northumberland), G. S. Conway (Rugby), R. Edwards (Newport), W. G. E. Luddington (Devonport Services), H. L. Price (Leicester), A. Robson (Northumberland), A. T. Voyce (Gloucester), and W. W. Wakefield (Leicester).

The Rest—J. Morton (Coventry); R. H. Hamilton-Wickes (Cambridge University), J. V. Richardson (Oxford University), S. G. U. Considine (Bath), A. M. Smallwood (Leicester); T. Lawton (Oxford University), E. J. Massey (Lancashire); A. F. Blakiston (Lancashire), W. G. T. Eyres (Devonport Services), C. E. T. Faithfull (Harlequins), R. R. Gardner (Devonport Services), H. G. Periton (Lancashire), A. S. Prowse (Bristol University), A. Shacksnovis (Oxford University), and R. Cove-Smith (O. Merchant Taylors).

HOSPITALS CUP.

DENTAL (0) v. RICHMOND (0).

With the Match having scratched to Adelaide, the concluding tie in the first round was played at Lansdowne road yesterday, and after a rather scrappy game ended in a scoreless draw. Play was pretty even, but long kicking by Atkins generally had Dental in their opponents' territory. Twice Atkins had good chances with penalty kicks, but sent wide. Guise-Browne, Russell, Atkins, and Jeffers (backs), and Quirke, Gentleman, O'Connor, and Lewis (forwards) played well for Dental. The best for Richmond were Coghlan, James, Lyons, and G. O'Neill (backs), and J. O'Neill, Griffith, and Brosnan (forwards).

WANDERERS F.C.

Schoolboys who are members or honorary members of above and are available for games during the Christmas vacation are requested to forward their names as soon as possible to the Hon. Secretary, 25 South Frederick street.

ULSTER TRIALS.

For the Ulster junior inter-provincial trial match, to be played at Lurgan on 26th inst., the following teams have been selected:—

Belfast—D. Campbell (Knock); C. T. Davidson (North of Ireland), J. M. Atkinson (North), S. Watson, S. M'Keown (Instonians); D. M'Ildowie (North), T. Mayne (North); J. A. Chambers (Instonians), J. W. M'Curdy, J. Cheyne (Instonians), V. Craig (Sydenham), J. Frame (Civil Service), S. D. Hicks (Queen's Island), A. N. Marfurt (Collegians), H. M'Conkey (Sydenham).

Rest of Ulster—F. Fulton (Donaghadee); Another (Derry), R. B. Pedlow (Lurgan), J. Ross (Strabane), N. C. Dawson (Armagh); A. Morgan (Coleraine), L. Craig (Derry); R. Blakeley (Lurgan), A. E. Holmes (Carrickfergus), J. A. Martin (Coleraine), R. Murphy (Lurgan), J. M. M'Cauley (Bangor), A. Shepherd (Armagh), R. Stuart (Donaghadee), J. Steen (Derry).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.
INTER-UNIVERSITY.
CAMBRIDGE v. DUBLIN,
AT LANSDOWNE ROAD ON THURSDAY, the 20th instant.
Kick-off, 2.15 p.m.
Admission, 1/6; School Boys and School Girls, 1/-; Grand Stand, reserved, 3/-; Uncovered Stand, unreserved, 1/6; Motor Cars, 1/-; Motor Cycles, 6d.
Grand Stand Tickets obtainable at Messrs. Fox and Co., Grafton street; School Boys' and School Girls' at Messrs. Crotty and Co., Grafton street.—(Advt.)

HOCKEY.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY (4) v. DUBLIN UNIVERSITY (2).

There was a very fair attendance at the College Park yesterday afternoon, when an interesting match resulted in favour of Glasgow by 4 goals to 2. The ground was in good order, and all through play ruled fast and open; indeed, it was the superior pace of the visiting forwards that turned the scale. Well led by Miss Rankine, who was responsible for three of the goals, Glasgow throughout were more dangerous in attack, and with very little luck in the circle they might have increased the winning margin.

Dublin played a sound game all through, Miss Levingston and Miss Gentleman being conspicuous with very sterling defence. Where the side failed was in attack. Halves and forwards were not as well together as their opponents, and when they made ground it was mainly the result of individual dashes, both Miss Thrift and Miss Pedlow showing up well on the wings.

The home side opened with a strong attack, but failed to get through the Scotch defence. In turn Glasgow pressed, and, following a penalty corner, Miss Rankine scored. A period of give-and-take followed, and the interval arrived without further scoring. Early in the second half Miss Thrift broke away on her own and equalised. Subsequently Glasgow put in a series of strong attacks, and Miss Henderson gave them the lead. Dublin drew level again when Miss McGuinness received a good pass from Miss Schofield. From this to the end Glasgow held the upper hand, and two goals by Miss Rankine made the issue secure. Teams:—

Dublin University—Misses M. Boyd; N. Levingston (captain), F. Gentleman; N. Clarendon, D. Gillespie, A. Buchanan; E. Pedlow, D. Schofield, H. Hewat, C. McGuinness, E. Thrift.

Glasgow University—Misses E. Easton; J. Johnson (captain), P. Parker; E. Young, H. Robinson, H. Weir; N. Best, N. Henderson, J. Rankine, N. Burnes, M. Evans.

Umpires—Messrs. J. S. McMahon and J. M. Eyre.

LEINSTER LADIES' H.U.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Maids of the Mountains 2nd A v. Monkstown. Foxrock, at 2.30 p.m. to-day. There will be a general practice at 3.30 p.m.

Kingstown Grammar School (P. and P.) Hockey Club have arranged the following Christmas programme:—This evening—Club Dance, Town Hall, Dun Laoghaire. December 22nd—"A" XI. v. Palmerston (Mr. Peterson's XI.), at Tivoli terrace, 2.30 p.m. December 26th—"A" XI. v. Midland Counties' League, at Tivoli terrace, 2.30 p.m., and "B" XI. v. Dalkey "A," at Crosthwaite Park, 2.30 p.m. December 29th—1st XI. v. Dublin University (League), at Tivoli terrace, 2.30 p.m., and 2nd XI. v. Monkstown 3rd (League), at Royal terrace, 2.30 p.m.

KINGSTOWN G.S. HOCKEY DANCE TO-NIGHT, Town Hall, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Five Shillings. Special Tram to Dublin on conclusion.—(Advt.)

BOXING.

ROLFE BEATS RODWAY.

The National Sporting Club programme last night was just a club event, with that promising welter-weight, Joe Rolfe, and Frank Rodway, 10st. 7lb champion of the Midlands, in a 10-round contest, supplying the chief attraction. It was very quickly settled, for Rolfe, setting about his man at once, landed the right to the jaw, which brought Rodway down for a count of eight. On regaining his feet Rodway was promptly floored again, and then with a right and left to the jaw Rolfe had his man out for the full count before the end of the first round.

THE RING, BLACKFRIARS.

At The Ring, Blackfriars, last night, in a middle-weight fifteen-round contest, Johnny Bee, Birkenhead Park, deputising for Albert Rodgers, who is sick, beat Len Johnson, Manchester, on points, after a rather scrappy contest. Bee was handicapped by a bad cut over one eye in the seventh round, but he was the faster with the lead, and, sticking to his task very gamely, was a good winner at the finish.

CRICKET.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

At their meeting yesterday the committee of the M.C.C. confirmed the resolution passed last month by the Advisory County Committee as to the scoring of points in the County Championship next season. The resolution, which simply means a return to the system in force from 1911 to 1914, is as follows:—Five points for a win in a completed match. Should the match not be completed the side leading on the first innings shall score three points and its opponents one point. In the event of a tie the points shall be divided. Matches in which no result on the first innings shall have been obtained shall not be included in the table of results. The County which shall have obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned the Champion County.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

At the weekly meeting of the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals six cases of cruelty were reported by the Inspectors during the week, one to be summoned, one postponed for further consideration, and on four no order was made. List of convictions obtained during the week in cases already reported was read. Reports on dogs sold and claimed at the Dogs' Home, Grand Canal quay, during the week were submitted. The following subscriptions were received:—Right Hon. J. Hogg, P.C., £1; R. G. Brown, 10/-; Peter Kennedy, £2; Miss Lucas, £1; Mrs. Potterton, 10/-; Miss A. Badham, 5/-; the Misses Ramson, 5/-; Miss H. Fawcett, 2/6; Mrs. Fitzgerald, 10/-; Miss Vigors (collection), £3 4/-; Miss Vigors, 5/-; J. and P. Good, Ltd., 10/-; Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien, Ltd., £1; H. D. O'Connor, K.C., £1; Miss E. G. Ferrier, £1; Miss Boyce, 5/-; Misses Groves, 10/-; Harvey and Co., Ltd., 10/-; Atkinson and Co., 10/-; Henry B. Fottrell, £1; Miss Harley, £1; Miss Hobson, 10/-; Miss L. F. Stawell, 6/6; Mrs. Cherry, 10/-; M. Dillon and Sons, 5/-; "Lover of Animals," 2/6; George Mitchell, £1; James Inglis, 10/-; Canon and Mrs. Darling, £1; Dublin Bread Co., Ltd., 10/-; Joseph McDermott, £1 1/-; T. H. Webb, 10/-; Mrs. O'Connor, 10/-; "O'C.," 7/6; Miss E. Lendrum, 5/-; Mrs. Trant, £1; H. Litton Cary, 10/-; Mrs. Ridings, £1; Mrs. Bernard Shaw, £1; Mrs. D'Arcy Sloane, John Power and Son, Ltd., £1; J. C. Parkes and Sons, 5/-; Miss Tatlow, 10/-; J. F. Keatinge and Sons, £1; Mrs. Trent Stoughton, £1; Mr. and Mrs. Shell, 10/-; Ramsay and Son, 2/6; Miss O'Keeffe, 5/-; R. N. Potterton, £1; Mrs. Camper Day, 10/-; Sewell, Sons and Simpson, 5/-; Classon Porter, £1; Mrs. Bernard Dunning, £1; Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., £1; O'Brien and Co., 10/-; Lucan Dairy Co., £1; McCabes, Ltd., 10/-; J. and C. Nichols, 10/-; Thos. J. Nicholl and Son, Ltd., 5/-; John Jameson and Son, Ltd., £2; Manders and Patterson, Ltd., £1 1/-; Mrs. Olphert, 2/6; Miss Walker, 10/-; "In Memory of late Miss E. M. Walker," £1; N. Peterson and Sons, £1.

M. Raven, a French airman, flew from Paris to Brussels and back twice on Wednesday, thus covering 1,000 kilometres (625 miles) in one day.

Mr. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, will arrive in Ottawa at the end of January, and sail for Australia from Vancouver on February 8.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour
Wednesday, 19	Flathouse	1.30
Saturday, 22	Kilbride	1.30
THE MEATH.		
To-day	Dowestown	11.0
Thursday, 20	Lobinstown	11.0
Friday, 21	Crom Keys, Drumree	11.0
THE KILDARE.		
To-day	Beggar's End	11.0
Thursday, 20	Dunlavin	11.0
Saturday, 22	Straffan Bridge	11.0

WESTMEATH HOUNDS.—December—Monday, 24th, Ballinea Bridge; Wednesday, 26th, South Hill; Friday, 28th, Streamstown; Monday, 31st, Loughnavalley. January—Wednesday, 2nd, Drumcree; Friday, 4th, Glascorn Cross Roads; Monday, 7th, Castletown Station; Wednesday, 9th, Lisnabin; Friday, 11th, Dunbrusna; Monday, 14th, Clare Cross Roads; Wednesday, 16th, Crookedwood; Friday, 18th, Cat and Mouse. At 11 o'clock.

GOLF.

ROYAL DUBLIN.—Saturday, December 22nd—Annual match between the Irish Bar and the club. Members of the competing teams and of the club intending to dine are requested to notify the Steward, together with the number of their guests, not later than Thursday, the 20th inst. On Wednesday, December 26th, there will be a bogey sweepstake.

CASTLE.—Ladies' Branch—Monthly medal—Class I., won by Miss Seaman, 4 down; Class II., Mrs. Maurice O'Connell, 8 down.

THE ISLAND.—Result of semi-open mixed foursome, played on Saturday—Commander Jackson and Miss Jackson (1), 6 up; L. Wernher and Mrs. Babington (12), 1 up; Captain Mooney and Mrs. Lane-Joynt (12), 1 up; J. F. Jameson and Miss Jameson (0), 1 up; T. Hughes and Miss Blood (15), 1 down. Thirty-six pairs competed. December 19—Monthly medal, bogey.

DUN LAOGHAIRE (KINGSTOWN).—Club foursomes—A. R. Mallet (6) and T. Staples (8)—87, 7, 80; Dr. R. Wright (1) and W. H. Dowse (8)—85, 4½, 80½.

ROYAL CO. DOWN.—Monthly medal at Newcastle on Saturday. Best cards returned:—W. A. Anderson (6), 86; W. Pollock (1), 87; Harvey MacLeay (6), 88; W. B. Haughton (3), 89.

BADMINTON.

IRISH CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The very successful championships of the Irish Badminton Union were further advanced at the Art Industries Hall, Ballsbridge, last night. In the Men's Junior Singles Championship Keatinge beat Atcheson, 15-12, 15-9, in final. The Junior Mixed Doubles went to Mathers and Miss Mathers, who defeated Frazer and Miss Goodman in the final, 15-5, 15-10, while the Junior Ladies' Doubles Championship was secured by Mrs. Price and Miss Stewart, who beat Mrs. Gowthorpe and Miss Lynch, 15-6, 15-3. Details:—

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (JUNIOR).
Semi-final Round—Keatinge beat Armstrong, 18-13, 15-7; Atcheson beat Green, 15-12, 15-11.
Final—Keatinge beat Atcheson, 15-12, 15-9.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.
Semi-final Round—Frazer and Miss Goodman beat Atcheson and Miss Acheson, 15-18, 15-10; Mathers and Miss Mathers beat Dillon and Miss Dillon, 15-6, 15-10.
Final—Mathers and Miss Mathers beat Frazer and Miss Goodman, 15-5, 15-10.

JUNIOR LADIES' DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.
Semi-final Round—Mrs. Gowthorpe and Miss Lynch beat Mrs. Mytchen and Miss Orr, 15-6, 15-10; Mrs. Price and Miss B. Stewart beat Mrs. Manning and Miss Cherry, 15-6, 15-4.
Final—Mrs. Price and Miss Stewart beat Mrs. Gowthorpe and Miss Lynch, 15-6, 15-3.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES (A.).
Walker and Miss Stewart w.o., Evans and Mrs. Evans scr.; Woods and Miss Homan beat O'Reilly and Mrs. Gowthorpe, 15-10, 15-12; Keatinge and Mrs. Keatinge beat P. Dillon and Mrs. P. Dillon, 15-7, 15-12; Percival and Miss Lynch beat Bell and Mrs. Plews, 15-3, 15-2; Booth and Mrs. Lambert beat A. Hamilton and Mrs. Crowley, 15-10, 15-13; G. Murray and Miss B. Stewart beat Quinn and Miss Bennett, 15-11, 14-15, 15-4; Goff and Mrs. Goff beat F. Evans and Mrs. Manning, 15-8, 15-4.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES (B.).
Second Round—W. B. Hamilton and Mrs. Mytchen beat Good and Mrs. Good, 15-14, 11-15, 15-10; Maguire and Miss Mortier beat Harris and Mrs. Campbell, 15-6, 0-15, 15-7; Moore and Mrs. Hamilton beat Roche and Miss Holwey, 15-11, 15-7; P. Dillon and Miss Dillon beat Ross and Mrs. Ross, 15-12, 15-8; Goulding and Mrs. Miley beat R. Hamilton and Miss K. Cairnes, 15-11, 10-15, 15-3; D. Keatinge and Miss Ramsden beat Mahony and Miss B. Byrne, 15-3, 15-14.

MERRION CLUB.—There will be no play at this club this (Tuesday) evening.

BANK FUSION.

MIDLAND ABSORBS NORTH OF SCOTLAND BANK.

The directors of the North of Scotland Bank, Limited, have pleasure in informing the shareholders that they have entered into a provisional agreement with the directors of the Midland Bank, Limited, for a fusion of interests of the two banks upon the following terms and conditions:—The Midland Bank offers to purchase from the shareholders of the North of Scotland Bank their individual holdings at the rate of £94 15s. for each share of the North of Scotland Bank, which will be satisfied by the exchange of eleven shares of the Midland Bank, of two pounds ten shillings, each fully paid, for every four shares of the North of Scotland Bank, £20 each, £4 paid. For the purpose of this calculation, the fully-paid shares of the Midland Bank have been taken at the market value of £9 per share. Fractions of a Midland Bank share will be settled either by the issue of certificates of fractions of shares, or in cash, on the above basis of market value as may be determined hereafter by the Midland Bank. The shares of the Midland Bank issued to the shareholders of the North of Scotland Bank will carry dividend as from 1st January, 1924. The directors of the North of Scotland Bank will pay to the shareholders on the register on 31st December, 1923, an interim dividend in respect of the three months ending at that date at the rate of 18 per cent per annum, less income tax.

The North of Scotland Bank, whose headquarters are at Aberdeen, has 157 branches in Scotland. Its capital is £3,260,000 (£20 shares, £4 paid); reserve fund, £800,000; deposits, etc., £20,528,350 an dividend for 1922-23 was 18 per cent.

MEXICAN EAGLE OIL COMPANY.

The London agents have received cable advice from Mexico that salt water has appeared in San Jeronimo Well No. 12. As the salt water persisted, in spite of pinching, the well has been completely closed, and will be allowed to stand closed for a few days, and then re-opened slowly, for testing. Further, it is proposed meanwhile to re-open and test San Jeronimo Well No. 14.

ALEXANDRA GUILD TENEMENTS CO., LIMITED.

The twenty-fifth ordinary general meeting of the Alexandra Guild Tenements Company was held in Alexandra College on Friday, Miss Lewis, M.A., in the chair. In presenting the directors' report, Miss Lewis commented with satisfaction on the success of the year's working, by which there was a net profit of over £120. This result was due to the extreme regularity with which all rents were paid and to the careful economy exercised by the rent collectors in the management of the property. As the company was in the happy position of being able to pay off a debt incurred some years before for the improvement of the Summerhill houses, the directors had recommended in their report that no dividend be paid, and that £123 be allocated to payment of the debt. Since the report had been issued two of the creditors had, with extreme generosity, returned the cheques sent them, for which the directors, on behalf of the company, desired to express their deepest gratitude. The best thanks of the company were also due to the rent collectors, both for the efficiency of their work and for their unfailing kindness to the tenants, who, in their turn, had co-operated loyally in maintaining a high standard of order and cleanliness in the houses. The company was also deeply indebted to Lady Ardilaun and other friends, who, by their generosity and hospitality, had contributed so much to the well-being and enjoyment of the tenants.

The Board of Directors had sustained a great loss in the death of Miss Bagley, who, as first rent collector, had directed the management of the Summerhill property in its early days, and to whose wide and sympathetic guidance so much of the success of the enterprise was due.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—(1) "That the outgoing directors, Miss Lewis, Dr. Katherine Maguire, and Miss Warren, be re-elected." (2) "That the auditors, Messrs. Cooper and Kenny, be re-elected, and that the thanks of the company be tendered to Messrs. Joynt and Crawford, the company's solicitors, for their valuable services during the year."

DUBLIN WEEKLY TRADE REPORT.

The approach of Christmas Holidays has narrowed trade operations in the main avenues of first-hand business, but in retail distributing branches, matters are now in the zenith of activity. Values in every line firm.

EXPORTS OF PORTER.

Messrs. A. Guinness, Son and Co.'s shipments of porter from Dublin, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists for the past week, were:—

Butts.	Hhds.	Brls.	Hf.-Brls.	Qr.-Brls.
988	8,911	324	367	136

Corresponding week's shipments for previous three years:—

	Butts.	Hhds.	Brls.	Hf. Brls.	Qr. Brls.
1922...	1,659	13,503	525	471	141
1921...	1,298	7,804	324	130	24
1920...	1,131	6,654	592	3,542	—

The above week's exports are equal to 11,248 hhds. for 1923, as against 16,852 hhds. for 1922, 10,669 hhds. for 1921, and 10,956 hhds. for 1920.

The following quantities of porter were also shipped from Dublin by the various Breweries, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists, for the week ending December 15th, 1923:—

	Bts.	Hhds.	Brls.	Hf. Brls.	Qr. Brls.	Total Hhds.
Watkins Jameson & Co.	—	21	92	181	28	147
Mountjoy Brewery Co.	—	10	—	3	—	11
D'Arcy & Son	—	2	7	81	—	34
Total	—	33	99	265	28	192

Corresponding week's shipments for previous three years:—

	Bts.	Hhds.	Brls.	Hf. Brls.	Qr. Brls.	Total Hhds.
1922 ...	—	13	84	160	22	128
1921 ...	—	59	81	138	10	161
1920 ...	—	53	83	230	35	186

EXPORTS OF WHISKEY.

The quantities of whiskey exported from Dublin, as returned by the Customs daily shipping lists and bills of entry, for the week ending December 15th, 1923, were:—Dublin Distillers Co., 9,836 gallons; Jameson, 3,636 gallons; Power, 216 gallons; Daly, 2,572 gallons.

Corresponding week's shipments for the previous three years:—

	Fns.	Butts.	Hhds.	Cks.	Qr.-Cks.	Octs.	Kegs.
1922 ...	10	35	12	10	15	8	—
1921 ...	—	20	44	7	17	4	—
1920 ...	—	2	36	1	—	—	—

FOREIGN IMPORTS.

Direct foreign arrivals at Port of Dublin last week embraced:—From Sandsvall—118,889 pieces planed boards, 21,639 pieces boards, 28,204 pieces deals and battens. From Amsterdam—2,000 bags cornflour, 72 chests tea, 900 bags sugar, 400 cases gin, 600 cases Van Houten's cocoa, 880/4 cases currants, 670 bags barley dust. From Rotterdam—130 cases gin, 1,300 cases sugar, 100 cases Geneva, 1,640 pks. margarine. From Valencia—1,000 barrels grapes, 3,000 half-cases oranges, 500 cases oranges, 1,110 cases raisins, 500 cases onions. From Almeria—1,000 barrels grapes. From Hamburg—750 bags sugar, 111 bags Epsom salts, 860 bales jute, and mixed cargo, comprising music ware, woodware, mouldings, flintglass, leather ware, motors, tools, toys, furniture parts, woollens, oils, bottles. From cross-Channel ports—27,419 tons coal arrived per 70 colliers.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

Public sales were made up of four catalogues jointly totalling 12,663 bales, and comprised 2,456 bales New South Wales and Queensland, 2,462 Victorian, 1,168 West Australian, 143 South Australian, 5,636 New Zealand, and 796 Punta Arenas. Of the above about 8,000 bales consisted of B.A.W.R.A. wools, and these evidenced a brisk demand at prices mainly showing a firm tendency. The remainder of "free" experienced a rather slow market, as the selection was far from attractive, with prices in some cases easier, and withdrawals a frequent occurrence. New South Wales and Queensland scoured merino combing 31d. to 43½d., clothing 34d. to 36d., fleece 31½d., pieces 27½d. to 30d., bellies 46d., comeback 47d. to 47½d., greasy merino combing 29d. to 31½d., pieces 21d., broken 26d. to 26½d., comeback 24½d. to 25d., quarterbred 20¼d. to 24½d., crossbred 16½d. to 26d., ditto pieces and bellies 17½d. to 22½d.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES.

At the wool sales held at Melbourne 10,082 bales were offered, of which practically all were sold. Competition was very keen. The improvement in prices was well maintained.

At the wool sales held at Sydney yesterday 9,009 bales were offered, of which 8,582 were sold. Private sales consisted of 375 bales. All wools sold readily at the highest point of the season, and excellent clearances were effected. Comebacks and fine crossbreds were in particular request. Greasy merino realised 38d., comebacks the record price of 36½d., and crossbreds the record price of 34½d.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS OF FURNITURE AND FINE ARTS.

TUESDAY.

9 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin (James Hill and Son); Clover Hill, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin (Patrick O'Connor and Son); The Presbytery, St. Patrick's, Monkstown (Andrew J. Keogh); 87 Pembroke road, Dublin (James H. North and Co.).

WEDNESDAY.

The Presbytery, St. Patrick's, Monkstown (Andrew J. Keogh).

THURSDAY.

Lota, Cross avenue, Blackrock (Hasley and Co.); 38 Merrion square, Dublin (James H. North and Co.).

FRIDAY.

Lota, Cross avenue, Blackrock (Hasley and Co.).

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

LONDON "METROPOLITAN," Monday.—Christmas Market.—[illegible]

[illegible]

GLASGOW, Monday.—Hegarty and Kelly report smaller supplies of Irish fat cattle at Merklands to-day (Monday). Bullocks of quality met a better trade at higher prices; secondary sorts were very little, if any, better than last week's prices. Cows a smaller show, and made more money.—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—BALTIC, Monday.—[illegible]

LIVERPOOL, Monday.—[illegible]

PROVISIONS.

LONDON, Monday.—BUTTER—[illegible]

LIVERPOOL, Monday.—IRISH BACON again fairly active at late rates. [illegible]

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REFINED LARD "FUTURES"—LIVERPOOL, Monday.—[illegible]

DUBLIN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE, Monday.—[illegible]

CORK BUTTER, Monday.—[illegible]

DUBLIN WHOLESALE FISH, Monday.—[illegible]

BILLINGSGATE FISH, Monday.—[illegible]

GRIMSBY FISH, Monday.—[illegible]

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT, Monday.—[illegible] English wethers 7/4 to 9/-; frozen, 4/4 to 5/4. Lamb—Scotch hill, 8/8 to 10/-; frozen, 7/- to 7/2.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Monday.—SUGAR—Tate and Lyle's cubes quoted 63/6 to 64/6 and gran. from 60/7½ to 61/1½ as to quality; [illegible] COFFEE—[illegible] COCOA quiet, but steady. [illegible] TEA—[illegible] RICE—[illegible] SPICE—[illegible] TAPIOCA slow on about former terms both spot and forward. Sago flour quiet; [illegible] JUTE was held for steady rates, and a moderate demand predominated; [illegible] HEMP—[illegible] SHELLAC [illegible] COPRA—[illegible] PALM KERNELS steadier; [illegible] RUBBER opened quietly, but became steadier, [illegible] EGG PRODUCTS—[illegible] OILS—Linseed [illegible] Cottonseed—[illegible]

LINSEED CAKES—As is usual at this season of the year, the markets are poorly attended and there is very little business passing. In the meantime, however, quotations are unaltered, but there is generally an easier feeling. [illegible]

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Monday.—The market opens with a moderate demand for fine sugars at the prices ruling at the week-end. Yellows still in short supply, and prices steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRADFORD WOOL, Monday.—Prices remain very firm for all qualities of tops, but users seem well covered, and there is not much business passing. Top makers are very busy on old contracts for crossbred sorts. There has been sufficient business in yarns to make spinners ask appreciably higher prices, though yarns are still relatively cheaper than tops.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Monday.—American moderate inquiry. Brazilian quotations reduced 33 points. East Indian quotations reduced 25 points. Egyptian fair demand. December 19.24d., January 19.25d., February 19.34d., March 19.31d., April 19.24d., May 19.21d. Sales 4,000, imports 183 bales. Market barely steady.

Basic Slag, 40 per cent. phosphates, 80 per cent. solubility, and 75 per cent. fineness. A cargo discharging next week. Price £3 9/- per ton ex-ship; £3 14/- free on rail, Dublin. Terms, cash with order. Not less than 6 tons sold. Only a limited amount to offer.—William Rourke, 36 North Circular road, Dublin.—(Advt.)

LONDON METALS MARKET.

The market for TIN developed a weaker tone, with slight irregularity in attendance at times with regard to forward positions, and rates on balance proved £3 per ton lower as compared with the close of Friday last. [illegible] COPPER received fair support, [illegible] LEAD steady and about 1,200 tons changed hands, [illegible] SPELTER slightly irregular: sales 850 tons. [illegible]

OLD MEN'S ASYLUM, NORTHBROOK ROAD.

The monthly meeting of the Trustees and Governors of the Committee of Management of the Old Men's Asylum, Northbrook Road, Dublin, was held at the Institution on Wednesday. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The reports of the Visiting Physician (Dr. Winter), of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, and of the monthly visitors were submitted, and orders made thereon. Messrs. George Beater, Good, and Inglis kindly consented to act as visitors during ensuing month. The accounts for the past month, previously examined by the Secretary and submitted to the Ladies' Committee, were laid before the Board, and cheques in discharge thereof amounting to £31 10/3 were signed. The following subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged:—In Memory of Robert Craig, £2 2/-; Messrs. Kenny and Owens and Millar and Beatty, £2 2/- each; George Beater, Esq., £2; Messrs. John Smellie, D. Kellett, Ltd., John Barrington and Son, Fuller and Stammers, Lewis Beatty, Pigott and Co., E. Weber Smyth, Robert Nicol, John Sibthorpe, and Mrs. Lewis Beatty, £1 1/- each; Messrs. Oliver Fry, J. M. Calvert, W. T. Shaw, Hugh Moore and Alexanders, Anderson Stanford, and Ridgeway, Waller and Co., Louis H. Webb, Ernest Anthony, Robert Craigie, R. G. Tomlinson, Captain S. G. Murray, and F. W. Pakenham Walsh (per collecting card), £1 each; H. J. Jones, 10/6; Messrs. William Ireland, Lambert, Brien, and Co., J. J. Thompson, Ed. White, Alfred Hollinshead, William Morgan, J. Sedgwick, and Mrs. Watson, 10/- each; Miss Lyons Montgomery, 5/-.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION FOR IRELAND.

The Board of Governors of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption held their usual monthly meeting on Thursday, 13th inst., at the offices, 13 South Frederick street, Dublin. The following members were present:—Major M. H. C. Wellesley, in the chair; Mr. R. Caulfeild Orpen, His Honour J. H. Moore, Mr. Thomas Geoghegan, Mr. J. E. Gabbett, Mr. George B. Symes, and Mr. Henry Candy. Dr. C. Denys Hanan and the Secretary were in attendance.

The Board return their best thanks to the following kind donors:—Bolands Ltd., £1; W. S. Collis, £1 1/-; William P. Cairnes, £10; Mrs. M. M. Hosie, 15/-; Mrs. K. Shelil, £1; Miss K. Darley, £1; Athelstane G. Wolseley, £1 1/-; Thomas Murphy, £1; George Jameson, £5; Mrs. Trevor Fox, £1; Shelbourne Hotel Co., Ltd., £1; William Hopkins, £2; Messrs. J. J. Graham and Co., £1; Dr. Kathleen Lynn, £2; Lady Palmer, £5; Miss Alice Robertson, £2; John Synnott, £1 1/-; J. F. Atkinson, £1; Mrs. Colomb, £15; Edward Heron, £3; Hon. Mrs. Albert Brassey, O.B.E., £2 2/-; B. B. Trench, £1 1/-; Miss Halpin, £3 3/-; Patrick Finn, £1 1/-; Henry G. Courtney, £5; John Jameson and Son, Ltd., £10; Cambridge and Co., Ltd., £1; Mrs. O'Neill, £1; Messrs. J. P. and R. Goodbody, £1; R. Caulfeild Orpen, £3; H. J. Litton Cary, 10/-; Mrs. Wrenn, £1; Mrs. Mirrielson, £1; Alfred Stubbs, £1 10/-; Miss Edith Digby, £2; Thomas Dockrell, Sons and Co., Ltd., £1; Miss Annie Bracken, £10; Charles Chambers, Ltd., £1 1/-; Mrs. Smyth, £1; Right Hon. G. F. Stewart, D.L., £3 3/-; Charles Colley Palmer, £3 (second donation); Miss M. S. Joynt, £1; J. C. Galsford St. Lawrence, D.L., £5; Miss J. C. Conan, £1 1/-; Sligo County collection, per Miss M. Wynne, £8 15/-; County Carlow collection, per Lady Rathdonnell, £22 13/-; Charles H. Chaytor, £2 2/-; Mrs. Joly, £1 10/- (collection); C. Nolan, M.B., £2 2/-; Mrs. Moorhead, £2; Miss Mabel Moore, £1.

Gifts:—Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Fiedler, illustrated papers; Mrs. Hughes, magazines; W. F. G., sporting and illustrated papers.

IRISH FAIRS.

ATHLONE.—Held on December 11. A medium sized cattle fair, composed mostly of stores. There was a poor demand, except for aged, well-conditioned beasts, which were bought chiefly by local dealers. Fat cattle were easily sold at recent rates. Springers and milch cows were in request at late values. Sheep met a good trade, and nearly all lots changed hands. Calves under 6 months old, £1 10/- to £3 10/-, average £2; store cattle, over 6 and not exceeding 12 months, 1st class, £8 to £9 10/-, average £8 12/6; 2nd class, £5 to £7, average £6 5/-; one year old and under two years, 1st class, £11 2/6 to £13 10/-, average £12, live weight average 35/- per cwt.; 2nd class, £9 to £10 10/-, average £8 15/-, live weight average 32/-; two years old and under three years, 1st class, £14 to £16, average £15 5/-, live weight average 37/-; 2nd class, £11 10/- to £13 10/-, average £12 10/-, live weight average 34/-; three years old and over, 1st class, £18 to £20, average £19 5/-, live weight average 40/-; 2nd class, £14 to £16, average £15 2/6, live weight average 38/-; fat cattle, three years old and over, 1st class, £20 to £22, average £21, live weight average 43/-; 2nd class, £16 to £18 10/-, average £17 2/6, live weight average 40/-; cows and bulls, 2nd class, £15 to £20, average £17 10/-, live weight average 35/-; springers (cows and heifers), 1st class, £20 to £24, average £22; 2nd class, £16 to £19, average £17 15/-; milch cows (down calved), 1st class, £18 to £22, average £20 10/-; 2nd class, £14 to £17, average £15 10/-; lambs (under 12 months old), long wools, 40/- to 55/-, average 47/6; fat sheep, two years old and over, long wools, 70/- to 100/-, average 85/-.

CAVAN.—Held on December 11. An average-sized cattle fair, composed chiefly of shorthorn stock. Well-conditioned stores, suitable for shipping, were in request at recent prices. Springers proved rates. Store cattle, over 6 and not exceeding 12 months, 1st class, £7 5/- to £8 5/-, average £7 10/-; 2nd class, £6 2/6 to £7 2/6, average £6 5/-; 3rd class, £5 to £6, average £5 10/-; one year old and under two years, 1st class, £11 10/- to £12 10/-, average £12, live weight average 40/- per cwt.; 2nd class, £9 10/- to £11, average £10, live weight average 39/-; 3rd class, £8 to £9, average £8 10/-, live weight average 37/-; two years old and under three years, 1st class, £16 to £18, average £17, live weight average 41/-; 2nd class, £13 to £15, average £14, live weight average 40/-; 3rd class, £11 to £12, average £11 10/-, live weight average 38/-; three years old and over, 1st class, £17 to £20, average £18, live weight average 42/-; 2nd class, £15 10/- to £16 10/-, average £16, live weight average 41/-; fat cattle, two years old and under three years, 1st class, £18 to £21, average £19, live weight average 43/-; 2nd class, £16 10/- to £17 10/-, average £17, live weight average 42/-; cows and bulls, 2nd class, £19 to £26, average £23, live weight average 40/-; 3rd class, £12 to £14, average £13, live weight average 32/6; springers (cows and heifers), 1st class, £23 to £30, average £26; 2nd class, £17 to £21, average £20; 3rd class, £13 to £15, average £14; milch cows (down calved), 1st class, £21 to £28, average £24; 2nd class, £15 to £20, average £16; 3rd class, £12 to £14, average £13; young pigs, 8 to 10 weeks old, 20/- to 30/-, average 23/-.

LURGAN.—The Christmas fair of Lurgan was held under fine, dry weather conditions. There was a large turn-out of stock of all kinds, and a good attendance of buyers. The general tone all round was dull and buying in many departments slow. Good young store cattle, however, advanced 10s. a head or so in price, while prime young springers and milch cows were in good request. Beef was scarce, and sold from 45s. per cwt. back. Best springers, £26 to £30 each; second class, £18 to £23; prime milch cows, £22 to £26 each; second class, £14 to £20 each; and three-year-old heifers and bullocks, £20 to £22; two and a-half-year-olds, £18 to £20; two-year-olds, £14 to £17; six-quarters, £11 to £13; yearlings, £6 to £9 10s.; weanling calves, £3 to £4 10/-; and dropped calves, £1 to £2 each.

A live calf was a prize at a Sissinghurst, Kent, whist drive.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOT[ES]

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

UNFAVOURABLE TREND IN BRITISH FUNDS, RAILS, TOBACCOS, TEXTILES, MARCONIS, AND DUNLOPS.

The Dublin Stock and Share Markets were dull and drooping yesterday under home and foreign political worries, coupled with the counter-attractions of the approaching Christmas and turn of the year influences. Realisations were pressed in Government Funds, and the selling pressure was considerable. Corporation and Township issues quoted were higher. Banking securities were scarcely altered. A considerable amount of light dealing was recorded in the Brewery and Distillery group, with practically no change in prices. British and Irish Steam Pref. were sellers under last marking. Marconi Shares slipped back a little. As regards Home Rails, "Cashel" issues were firm, but Midland Great Western issues were all more or less on offer. Others were practically neglected. Dublin United Tram issues were on offer. Dunlops and Parent Tyres were idle in dull to weak markets. Drapery Shares were steady. Tobacco Shares were pressed back further. Textiles show a general but slight weakening in quotations. Shells were again lower.

In the Funds, Consols fell 1/16 to 55¾, War Loan 5 p.c. ½ to 99 11/16 7/8 13/16, Funding Loan ¾ to 87 86¾, Conversion Loan ⅜ to 76, Victory Bonds ¼ to 91, Guaranteed 2¾ p.c. Land Stock ¼ to 56¼, Irish Land 2¾ p.c. ½ to 57, ditto 3 p.c. ⅜ to 62¾, and India 3½ p.c. 1¼ to 65¾ ½. War Loan 4½ p.c., however, rose ⅛ to 97.

Banks were steady, with exception of a fall of 1/16 to 6¾ in Munster and Leinsters. Bank Stock repeated 246¾. Nationals 19 11/16, and Provincial Old Shares 22¼.

Among Breweries and Distilleries the only change was a rise of 9d. to 26s. 6d. 21s. in John Power and Son Pref. Shares. Guinness Ord. repeated 37⅜, the Pref. 11½, J. Jameson and Son Debs. 7¼, Dublin Distillers Ord. 20s. and the Pref. 68s.

British and Irish Steam Pref. were on offer at 15s. 6d., against 16s., the previous level.

Marconi Ord. fell 6d. to 41s. 6d. x.d., but Radio Common rose 9d. to 18s. 9d.

As regards Home Rails, Great Southern and Western Ord. rose ½ to 46, while the Pref. repeated 57¼ and the Debs. 70, but the Guaranteed fell 1 to 59. Midland Great Western Ord. gave way ¼ to 34¾ and the Debs. 1¼ to 64 63¼, while the 5 p.c. Pref. at 65 shows no change. Dublin and South-Eastern 4 p.c. "B" Debs. repeated 57¾ and Great Northern Ord. 61¼.

In Trams, Anglo-Argentine 4 p.c. Debs. rose 1¼ to 74¾, but Dublin United Ord. fell 1/16 to 6½.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Shares fell 1/16 to 6¾ for a small lot.

Dunlop Rubber Ord. at the later market were sold at 7s. 6d.

Manufacturing Shares were all more or less pressed for sale. British-American Tobacco fell 2s. 7½d. to 103s. and Imperials 1s. 9d. to 68s. 9d. Courtaulds fell 1s. 6d. to 59s. 3d., Calicos 3d. to 30s., Coats 3d. to 62s., Cottons 7½d. to 49s. 1½d., and Spinners 1s. 3d. to 46s. 9d.

In Drapery Shares, Walpole Bros. Pref. rose 2s. 6d. to 62s. 6d., while Ferrier Pollock Pref. again realised 60s. and Todd Burns Ord. 16s.

In Trading, etc., Shares, Burke Debs. were firm at 7¾, while Findlater Pref. rose 1½d. to 8s. 9d., and J. C. Parkes and Sons Pref. 3d. to 13s. 9d. for an odd lot.

Shell Transports fell back to 75s. 9d. 75s.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "c."

Consols ......(55¾) 55¾ | D.S.E. B Deb.(57¾) 57¾
4½% War Loan..(96¾) 97 | G.N. Ord.......(61¾) *61¼
5% War Ln...(100⅛) 99¾ | G.S.W. Ord.......(45¾) 46
Funding Ln.(87½) 87 6¾ | Do. Pref......(57¼) 57¼
Victory Bonds..(91¼) *91 | Do. Guar.......(60) *59
Conver. Loan...(76¾) 76 | Do. Deb.........(70) 70
4% War Bonds '27...100 | M.G.W. Ord.....(35) *34¾
5% War Bonds '27...105½ | Do. 5% Pref.......(65) 65
5% do. (Dated) '27...105 | Do. 4% Deb...(65) 64 3½
5% War Bonds '29...104¾ | Anglo-Arg. Tram 4% Deb. (73½) 74¾
Treas. Bonds '35...100¼ | Dublin Trams...(6½) 6¾
India 3½% ......(66¾) 65¾ | Alliance Gas...(6¾) *6¾
Dublin Port.......(58) 59 | Ferrier Pollock Pref.
Rathmines Stock | (60/-) 60/-
(69) 68¾ x.d. | Todd Burns..(16/-) *16/-
Bank of Ireland | Walpole Pref..(60/-) 62/6
(246¾) 246¾c | B.A.T. ....(105/7½) 103/-
Mun. & Lein...(6¾) 6¾ | Imp. Tob.......(69/6) 68/9
National..(19⅝) 19¾ *19¾ | Calicos ......(30/3) 30/-
Provincial .....(22½) 22¼ | Coats ....(62/3) 62/-
Dublin Dist...(20/-) *20/- | Cottons ......(49/9) 49/1½
Do. Pref.......(68/-) 68/- | Courtaulds .....(61/9) 59/3
Guinness ......(37¾) 37⅜ | Spinners .....(48/-) 46/9
Do. Pref......(11½) *11½ | Burke Deb.......(7½) 7¾
Jameson Deb......(7¼) *7¼ | Findlater Pf..(8/7½) *8/9
Power Pf.(20/3)-20/6*1/- | Parkes 1 cf.(13/6) *13/9
B. & I. Stm..(16/-) 15/6a | Dunlops ......(8/4½) 7/6
Marconi ....(42/-) 41/6 | Shells..(75/6) *75/9 *5/-
Radio Com......(18/-) 18/9 |

*Odd lot; b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.
Discount .... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit .... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.
Mining contango day ...... Dec. 21 | Jan. 7
General contango day ...... Dec. 24 | Jan. 8
Ticket day ...... Dec. 27 | Jan. 9
Account day ...... Dec. 28 | Jan. 10

BELFAST.

Exchange resumed with a dull tone. Gilt-edged securities were weak. War Loan dealt in at 99¾, Victory Bonds repeated 91¼, and Conversion Loan 75⅞. London North-Eastern Pref.-Ord. 85¼. Inglis and Co. 6 p.c. Pref. dealt in at 21s., Guinness steady at 37¾, McConnell Pref. repeated 5, British-American Tobacco Ord. lower at 105s., Imperial Tobacco lower at 68s. 3d., Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. 21s. 6½d.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors still depressed. Austin Debentures down to 53. Rovers, Rolls Royce, S.T.D. and Triumphs all lower. Bluemels strengthened. Dunlops steadier. Austins, 2/10½; Pref., 14/6; Calthorpes, 5/-; Components, 4/-; S.T.D., 6/1½; Enfields, 21/3; Humbers, 22/6; Cal-ends, 38/9; Rolls, 28/-; Rovers, 13/9; Singers, 24/-; Standards, 48/-; Swifts, 6/-; Triumphs, 30/-; Vauxhalls, 6/6; Dunlops, 7/7½; Parent Deferred, 25/6; Harper Bean, 1/3.

MANCHESTER.—A very weak market in Textiles. Many declines. Bleachers, 45-46/-; do. Pref., 21/-21/3; Calicos, 29/9-30/3; do. Pref., 17/6-18/-; Dyers, 55/6-56/6; do. Pref., 19/6-19/9; Cottons, 48/6-49/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; Spinners, 46/6-47/-; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Slubbers," 8/-; Coats, 61/-62/-; Ship Canal, 8½-9; do. Pref., 8¼-8½; Velvets, 26/6-27/-.

LONDON STO[CK ...] DEPRESSE[D]

PRICES CRUMB[LE]

The Stock Markets suffered f[...] yesterday, there being no impr[...] volume of business on resum[...] week-end. Realisations here a[...] prices to crumble, and there [...] ward tendency all round. The [...] due to the uncertainty of the [...] tion, and it became more mark[...] close of the day. In the gil[...] British Funds suffered a furthe[...] prices fell where they moved. War Loan at 99⅞ lost ⅛. The [...] fell ¼ to 87. The Conversion L[...] ⅛. Treasury Bonds were ⅛ [...] Local Loans lost ¼ at 64.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT [...] were dull. French Loans were [...] fall in the franc. The 5 p.c. fel[...] 4 p.c. were quoted 19⅛ x.d. [...] 1905 rose 1 to 93. Uruguay at [...]

HOME RAILS slumped, [...] heavily in all directions. Great [...] 1¼ at 108¼. Metropolitans also [...] and Districts followed suit at [...] Midland and Scottish Ord. fell [...] 4 p.c. Pref. 1 at 80, and the [...] at 79½. London and North-Ea[stern] declined—the Pref.-Ord. ½ to [...] Ord. ¾ to 31½, the 1st Pref. 1 [...] 2nd Pref. 1 to 79. Southerns [...] The Pref.-Ord. lost ¼ at 85, the [...] at 38, the "A" Stock 1 at 34[...] Pref. ½ to 99½. Underground [...] to 2⅞.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN [...] were uncertain. "Canpacs" [...] at 167, and Central Uruguay [...] Argentines fell ½ all round, B[...] 80½, Pacifics 72, Westerns 72, [...] 66½. Entre Rios Ord. fell 1½ [...] Pref. 1 to 67. San Paulo Ord. [...] Mexican Rails ½ to 8½, and Un[...] to 79. Grand Trunk Pacific De[...] 4 points.

OIL SHARES DEP[RESSED]

WEAKNESS OF LEA[DERS]

In Common with most other [...] Stock Exchange, the Oil Shar[...] in a depressed condition yesterd[...] the actual volume of transacti[...] small, offerings of shares on [...] market resulted in lower prices [...] for several of the leaders an[d] favourites. Among the leader[s] made a firm start, but were fin[...] on the day; while Shells showe[d] Mexican Eagles fell to below [...] Persians had a distinctly hea[...] during the early hours, but [...] covery later, although they fin[...] decline. British Controlled [...] V.O.C. Holdings, however, cam[e] further declined. Among [...] Phoenix were pressed for sale, [...] Trinidad issues were easier, th[e] being Apex, which moved [...] Leaseholds and United [...] weakened. Closing prices:—

RUBBER SHARES [...]

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DIVIDENDS AND R[...]

ASBESTOS CORPORATION [...] Dividend on Preferred stock of [...] quarter.

CLYDESDALE (TRANSVAAL) [...] Dividend of 2½ per cent. (6d. per [...]

DEJOO TEA.—Interim dividend [...] less tax.

EAGLE STAR AND BRITISH [...] INSURANCE.—Third quarterly inte[rim] the rate of 30 per cent. per annu[m] on Ord. shares, and dividends at [...] annum on Pref. Ord. shares for hal[f] [...]

EXPLOSIVES AND CHEMICAL[S] Dividend of 2/6 per share, free o[f] the rate of 6d. per share for each [...] June 30, 1923.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO CO. O[F] Ordinary dividends of 1 per cent. fi[...] cent. interim dividend.

LAKE VIEW INVESTMENT T[RUST] dividend in respect of the year [...] 1924, of 6 per cent.

MAKUM ASSAM TEA.—Interim [...] per share, free of tax.

NATIONAL INSURANCE OF N[...]—Dividend of 2/- and a jubilee bo[nus] share, making a total distributi[on] share for the year.

NEW HUDSON.—Dividend of 1/- [...] of tax, for the year.

NORTH-EASTERN BREWERIE[S] 4 per cent. on Ord. for half-year, [...] cent. for the year.

PREMIER DIAMOND MINING [...] on Deferred shares of 400 per cent. [...] free of South African dividend tax, [...] Kingdom tax.

RUSSO-ASIATIC CONSOLIDATE[D] for the year ended December 31, 19[...] following the appointment of M. T[...] country, and friendly negotiations [...] well as with M. Krassin, in regar[d] of the company's Russian properti[es] by the Chairman, and it is con[...] that these negotiations will short[ly] finite conclusion. The accounts fo[r] a loss of £9,168.

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IRISH FAIRS.

ATHLONE.—Held on December 11. A medium sized cattle fair, composed mostly of stores. There was a poor demand, except for aged, well-conditioned beasts, which were bought chiefly by local dealers. Fat cattle were easily sold at recent rates. Springers and milch cows were in request at late values. Sheep met a good trade, and nearly all lots changed hands. Calves under 6 months old, £1 10/- to £2 10/-, average £2; store cattle, over 6 and not exceeding 12 months, 1st class, £8 to £9 10/-, average £8 12/6; 2nd class, £5 to £7, average £6 5/-; one year old and under two years, 1st class, £11 2/6 to £13 10/-, average £12, live weight average 35/- per cwt.; 2nd class, £9 to £10 10/-, average £9 15/-, live weight average 32/-; two years old and under three years, 1st class, £14 to £16, average £15 5/-, live weight average 37/-; 2nd class, £11 10/ to £13 10/-, average £12 10/-, live weight average 34/-; three years old and over, 1st class, £18 to £20, average £19 5/-, live weight average 40/-; 2nd class, £14 to £16, average £15 2/6, live weight average 38/-; fat cattle, three years old and over, 1st class, £20 to £22, average £21, live weight average 43/-; 2nd class, £16 to £18 10/-, average £17 2/6, live weight average 40/-; cows and bulls, 2nd class, £15 to £20, average £17 10/-, live weight average 35/-; springers (cows and heifers), 1st class, £20 to £24, average £22; 2nd class, £16 to £19, average £17 15/-; milch cows (down calved), 1st class, £18 to £22, average £20 10/-; 2nd class, £14 to £17, average £15 10/-; lambs (under 12 months old), long wools, 40/- to 55/-, average 47/6; fat sheep, two years old and over, long wools, 70/- to 100/-, average 85/-.

CAVAN.—Held on December 11. An average-sized cattle fair, composed chiefly of shorthorn stock. Well-conditioned stores, suitable for shipping, were in moderate request at recent prices. Springers and milch cows were quickly bought up at improved rates. Store cattle, over 6 and not exceeding 12 months, 1st class, £7 5/- to £8 5/-, average £7 10/-; 2nd class, £6 2/6 to £7 2/6, average £6 5/-; 3rd class, £5 to £6, average £5 10/-; one year old and under two years, 1st class, £11 10/- to £12 10/-, average £12, live weight average 40/- per cwt.; 2nd class, £9 10/- to £11, average £10, live weight average 39/-; 3rd class, £8 to £9, average £8 10/-, live weight average 37/-; two years old and under three years, 1st class, £16 to £18, average £17, live weight average 41/-; 2nd class, £13 to £15, average £14, live weight average 40/-; 3rd class, £11 to £12, average £11 10/-, live weight average 38/-; three years old and over, 1st class, £17 to £20, average £18, live weight average 42/-; 2nd class, £15 10/- to £16 10/-, average £16, live weight average 41/-; fat cattle, two years old and under three years, 1st class, £18 to £21, average £19, live weight average 43/-; 2nd class, £16 10/- to £17 10/-, average £17, live weight average 42/-; cows and bulls, 2nd class, £19 to £26, average £23, live weight average 40/-; 3rd class, £12 to £14, average £13, live weight average 32/6; springers (cows and heifers), 1st class, £23 to £30, average £26; 2nd class, £17 to £21, average £20; 3rd class, £13 to £15, average £14; milch cows (down calved), 1st class, £21 to £28, average £24; 2nd class, £18 to £20, average £16; 3rd class, £12 to £14, average £13; young pigs, 8 to 10 weeks old, 20/- to 30/-, average 25/-.

LURGAN.—The Christmas fair of Lurgan was held under fine, dry weather conditions. There was a large turn-out of stock of all kinds, and a good attendance of buyers. The general tone all round was dull and buying in many departments slow. Good young store cattle, however, advanced 10s. a head or so in price, while prime young springers and milch cows were in good request. Beef was scarce, and sold from 45s. per cwt. back. Best springers, £25 to £30 each; second class, £18 to £25; prime milch cows, £22 to £26 each; second class, £14 to £20 each; and three-year-old heifers and bullocks, £20 to £22; two and a-half-year-olds, £18 to £20; two-year-olds, £14 to £17; six-quarters, £11 to £13; yearlings, £6 to £9 10s.; weanling calves, £3 to £4 10/- and dropped calves, £1 to £2 each.

A live calf was a prize at a Sissinghurst, Kent, whist drive.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

UNFAVOURABLE TREND IN BRITISH FUNDS, RAILS, TOBACCOS, TEXTILES, MARCONIS, AND DUNLOPS.

The Dublin Stock and Share Markets were dull and drooping yesterday under home and foreign political worries, coupled with the counter-attractions of the approaching Christmas and turn of the year influences. Realisations were pressed in Government Funds, and the selling pressure was considerable. Corporation and Township issues quoted were higher. Banking securities were scarcely altered. A considerable amount of light dealing was recorded in the Brewery and Distillery group, with practically no change in prices. British and Irish Steam Pref. were sellers under last marking. Marconi Shares slipped back a little. As regards Home Rails, "Cashel" issues were firm, but Midland Great Western issues were all more or less on offer. Others were practically neglected. Dublin United Tram issues were on offer. Dunlops and Parent Tyres were idle in dull to weak markets. Drapery Shares were steady. Tobacco Shares were pressed back further. Textiles show a general but slight weakening in quotations. Shells were again lower.

In the Funds, Consols fell 1/16 to 55⅜, War Loan 5 p.c. ½ to 99 11/16 ⅞ 11/16, Funding Loan ⅛ to 87 86¾. Conversion Loan ⅞ to 76, Victory Bonds ¼ to 91, Guaranteed 2¾ p.c. Land Stock ⅛ to 56½, Irish Land 2¾ p.c. ½ to 57, ditto 3 p.c. ⅞ to 62⅞, and India 3½ p.c. 1¼ to 65½ ¼. War Loan 4½ p.c., however, rose ⅛ to 97.

Banks were steady, with exception of a fall of 1/16 to 6⅜ in Munster and Leinsters. Bank Stock repeated 246⅞, Nationals 19 11/16, and Provincial Old Shares 22½.

Among Breweries and Distilleries the only change was a rise of 9d. to 26s. 6d. 21s. in John Power and Son Pref. Shares. Guinness Ord. repeated 37 3/16, the Pref. 11 15/16, J. Jameson and Son Debs. 7½, Dublin Distillers Ord. 20s. and the Pref. 68s.

British and Irish Steam Pref. were on offer at 15s. 6d., against 16s., the previous level.

Marconi Ord. fell 6d. to 41s. 6d. x.d., but Radio Common rose 9d. to 18s. 9d.

As regards Home Rails, Great Southern and Western Ord. rose ½ to 46, while the Pref. repeated 57¼ and the Debs. 70, but the Guaranteed fell 1 to 59. Midland Great Western Ord. gave way ¼ to 34¾ and the Debs. 1¼ to 64 63½, while the 5 p.c. Pref. at 65 shows no change. Dublin and South-Eastern 4 p.c. "B" Debs. repeated 57¾ and Great Northern Ord. 61¼.

In Trams, Anglo-Argentine 4 p.c. Debs. rose 1¼ to 74¾, but Dublin United Ord. fell ⅛ to 6 5/16.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Shares fell 1/16 to 6⅞ for a small lot.

Dunlop Rubber Ord. at the later market were sold at 7s. 6d.

Manufacturing Shares were all more or less pressed for sale. British-American Tobacco fell 2s. 7½d. to 103s. and Imperials 1s. 9d. to 68s. 9d. Courtaulds fell 1s. 6d. to 59s. 3d., Calicos 3d. to 30s., Coats 3d. to 62s., Cottons 7½d. to 49s. 1½d., and Spinners 1s. 3d. to 46s. 9d.

In Drapery Shares, Walpole Bros. Pref. rose 2s. 6d. to 62s. 6d., while Ferrier Pollock Pref. again realised 60s. and Todd Burns Ord. 16s.

In Trading, etc., Shares, Burke Debs. were firm at 7⅞, while Findlater Pref. rose 1½d. to 8s. 9d., and J. C. Parkes and Sons Pref. 3d. to 13s. 9d. for an odd lot.

Shell Transports fell back to 75s. 9d. 75s.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked "c."

Consols	(55⅝) 55⅜	D.S.E. B Deb. (57¼)	57⅞
4½% War Loan	(96⅞) 97	G.N. Ord.	(61¼) *61¼
5% War Ln.	(100⅛) 99 11/16	G.S.W. Ord.	(45½) 46
		Do. Pref.	(57¼) 57¼
Funding Ln.	(87⅛) 87 6¾	Do. Guar.	(60) *59
Victory Bonds	(91¼) *91	Do. Deb.	(70) 70
Conver. Loan	(76⅞) 76	M.G.W. Ord.	(35) *34¾
4% War Bonds '27	100	Do. 5% Pref.	(65) 65
5% War Bonds '27	105¼	Do. 4% Deb.	(65) 64 63½
5% do. (Dec'd) '27	105¼	Anglo-Arg. Tram 4% Deb.	
5% War Bonds '29	104¼		(73½) 74¾
Treas. Bonds '35	100½	Dublin Trams	(6¼) 6 5/16
India 3½%	(66⅛) 65½ ¼	Alliance Gas	(6¼) *6⅞
Dublin Port	(58) 59	Ferrier Pollock Pref.	
Rathmines Stock			(60/-) 60/-
	(69) 68½ x.d.	Todd Burns	(16/-) *16/-
Bank of Ireland		Walpole Pref.	(60/-) 62/6
	(246¼) 246⅞c	B.A.T.	(105/7½) 103/-
Mun. & Lein.	(6⅛) 6⅜	Imp. Tob.	(69/6) 68/9
National	(19¾) 19 11/16 *¾	Calicos	(30/3) 30/-
Provincial	(22½) 22½	Coats	(62/3) 62/-
Dublin Dist.	(20/-) *20/-	Cottons	(49/9) 49/1½
Do. Pref.	(68/-) 68/-	Courtaulds	(61/9) 59/3
Guinness	(37⅛) 37 3/16	Spinners	(48/-) 46/9
Do. Pref.	(11⅞) *11 15/16	Burke Deb.	(7⅞) 7⅞
Jameson Deb.	(7⅛) *7½	Findlater Pf.	(8/7½) *8/9
Power Pf.	(20/3) 20/6 *1/-	Parkes Pref.	(13/6) *13/9
B. & I. Stm.	(16/-) 15/6a	Dunlops	(8/4½) 7/6
Marconi	(42/-) 41/6	Shells	(75/6) *75/9 *5/-
Radio Com.	(18/-) 18/9		

*odd lot; b bid, a asked.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount .... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit .... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day	Dec. 21	Jan. 7
General contango day	Dec. 24	Jan. 8
Ticket day	Dec. 27	Jan. 9
Account day	Dec. 28	Jan. 10

BELFAST.

Exchange resumed with a dull tone. Gilt-edged securities were weak. War Loan dealt in at 99⅞, Victory Bonds repeated 91¼, and Conversion Loan 75⅞. London North-Eastern Pref.-Ord. 85¼. Inglis and Co. 6 p.c. Pref. dealt in at 21s., Guinness steady at 37⅞, McConnell Pref. repeated 5, British-American Tobacco Ord. lower at 103s., Imperial Tobacco lower at 68s. 3d., Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. 21s. 5¼d.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors still depressed. Austin Debentures down to 55. Rovers, Rolls Royce, S.T.D. and Triumphs all lower. Bicycles strengthened. Dunlops steadier. Austins, 2/10½; Binemels, 44/-; Calthorpes, 5/-; Components, 4/-; S.T.D., 6/1½; Enfields, 21/3; Humbers, 22/6; Calsdts, 38/9; Rolls, 28/-; Rovers, 13/9; Singers, 24/-; Standards, 48/-; Swifts, 6/-; Triumphs, 30/-; Vauxhalls, 6/6; Dunlops, 7/7½; Parent Deferred, 25/6; Harper Bean, 1/3.

MANCHESTER.—A very weak market in Textiles. Many declines. Bleachers, 45/-46/-; do. Pref., 21/-21/3; Calicos, 29/9-30/3; do. Pref. 17/6-18/-; Dyers, 55/6-56/6; do. Pref., 19/6-19/9; Cottons, 48/6-49/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; Spinners, 46/6-47/-; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Shirters," 8/-8/3; Coats, 61/-62/-; Ship Canal, 8½-9; do. Pref., 8¼-8½; Velvets, 26/6-27/-.

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LONDON STOCKS DEPRESSED.

PRICES CRUMBLING.

The Stock Markets suffered from depression yesterday, there being no improvement in the volume of business on resumption after the week-end. Realisations here and there caused prices to crumble, and there was a downward tendency all round. The depression was due to the uncertainty of the political situation, and it became more marked towards the close of the day. In the gilt-edged market British Funds suffered a further set-back, and prices fell where they moved. The 5 p.c. War Loan at 99⅞ lost ⅛. The Funding Loan fell ⅛ to 87. The Conversion Loan at 75½ lost ¼. Treasury Bonds were ¼ lower at 103⅞. Local Loans lost ¼ at 64.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES were dull. French Loans were affected by a fall in the franc. The 5 p.c. fell ¼ to 24⅞; the 4 p.c. were quoted 19½ x.d. Japan Fours of 1905 rose 1 to 93. Uruguay at 45½ rose ½.

HOME RAILS slumped, for prices fell heavily in all directions. Great Westerns lost 1½ at 108½. Metropolitans also fell 1½ at 72, and Districts followed suit at 54. London Midland and Scottish Ord. fell ½ to 103, the 4 p.c. Pref. 1 at 80, and the Pref. of 1923 ½ at 79½. London and North-Eastern issues all declined—the Pref.-Ord. ½ to 85½, the Defd.-Ord. ⅝ to 31½, the 1st Pref. 1 to 80, and the 2nd Pref. 1 to 79. Southerns also dropped. The Pref.-Ord. lost ½ at 85, the Defd.-Ord. 1 at 38, the "A" Stock 1 at 34½, and the 1st Pref. ½ to 99½. Underground Electric fell ⅛ to 2⅞.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN RAILWAYS were uncertain. "Canpacs" gained a point at 167, and Central Uruguay at 45 rose 1. Argentines fell ½ all round, B.A.G.S. being 80½, Pacifics 72, Westerns 72, and Centrals 66½. Entre Rios Ord. fell 1½ to 16 and the Pref. 1 to 67. San Paulo Ord. at 135 fell 1. Mexican Rails ½ to 8½, and United Havana ½ to 79. Grand Trunk Pacific Debs. at 49½ fell 4 points.

OIL SHARES DEPRESSED.

WEAKNESS OF LEADERS.

In Common with most other sections of the Stock Exchange, the Oil Share market was in a depressed conditon yesterday, and, while the actual volume of transactions was again small, offerings of shares on an unwilling market resulted in lower prices being quoted for several of the leaders and speculative favourites. Among the leaders Royal Dutch made a firm start, but were finally unchanged on the day; while Shells showed a small loss. Mexican Eagles fell to below £1. Anglo-Persians had a distinctly heavy appearance during the early hours, but made some recovery later, although they finally showed a decline. British Controlled were firm. V.O.C. Holdings, however, came on offer, and further declined. Among Rumanians Phœnix were pressed for sale, and gave way. Trinidad issues were easier, the chief sufferer being Apex, which moved down sharply. Leaseholds and United British also weakened. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.				
⅜	Agwi Petroleum	⅜	½	
3⅜	Anglo-American	3⅛	3⅜	+1/0
1⅛	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅛	1⅞	
1⅛	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅛	1⅜	
22/0	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	20/7½	21/1½	−0/3
22/6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	21/6	22/0	−0/3
2⅛	Do. Ord., issued 5¼ p.c.	2	2¼	−⅛
99	Do. 9 p.c. Deb.	98	99	
2⅛	Apex Trinidad	2⅛	2¼	−⅛
⅝	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)	½	⅞	
6/9	British Burmah (8/-)	6/3	7/0	
5/3	British Controlled	5/0	5/3	+0/1½
6/3	Do. Pref.	6/0	6/3	+0/1½
4⅞	Burmah	4⅝	4⅞	−⅛
24/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	23/6	24/0	
1/9	Caltex	1/0	1/6	
½	Dacia Romano	½	¾	
4⅜	Eagle Transport	4⅛	4⅜	
103¼	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102	104	
102	Do. Bearer	101	103	
4/4½	General Pet. Trinidad A.	4/0	4/6	
⅜	Indo Burmah	¼	½	
14/3	Kern River (10/-)	14/1½	14/7½	−0/1½
6⅛	Lobitos	6⅛	6⅜	
20/7½	Mexican Eagle	19/6	20/0	−0/4½
20/7½	Do. Pref.	19/3	20/3	−0/6
12/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	12/3	12/9	
—	North Caucasian (10/-)	⅛	¼	
—	Oilfields Egypt	1/0	1/6	
2/6	Peru Syndicate	2/0	3/0	
16/3	Phoenix	15/0	15/6	−0/9
2/3	Premier Oil	2/0	2/6	
—	Rumanian Consolidated	11/9	12/3	
33¼	Royal Dutch	32¾	33¾	
/10½	Scottish American	0/9	1/0	
3⅜	Shell Transport	3¼	3⅜	−⅛
9⅝	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅜	9⅝	
23/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	22/9	23/3	+0/1½
2/9	Spies (10/-)	2/1½	2/7½	−0/1½
7/9	Steaua Romana	6/7½	7/1½	−0/1½
5/0	Tankers Pref.	4/9	5/3	
—	Trinidad Central	½	¾	
1⅝	Trinidad Lease	1⅝	1¾	−⅛
4/10½	United Brit. Trinidad	4/3	4/9	−0/3
—	Ural Caspian	⅜	½	
4/0	Urcs Oil	3/6	4/0	−0/3
1⅝	V.O.C. Holdings	1⅝	1¾	−⅛
1⅜	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1¼	−⅛

RUBBER SHARES WEAK.

The Rubber Share market was flat, and almost at a standstill yesterday. Price changes were very few. Asahan gained 1s. 6d. at 14s. 6d., Anglo-Dutch dropped 1s. 3d. at 33s. 9d., Kepitigalla 2s. 7½d. at 5s., Pilmoor 1s. 7½d. at 15s. 7½d., and Rubber Trust 10½d. at 24s. The price of rubber fell to 13⅛d. per lb. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.			
35/0	Anglo-Dutch	33/9	−1/3
2/6	Anglo-Java	2/3	
20/9	Anglo-Malay	19/10½*	−0/10½
4/4½	Bertam Cons.	4/1½	
2/10½	Bukit Mertajam	2/6	
1/7½	Bukit Sembawang	1/7	
—	Damansara	14/4½	
18/9	Grand Central	19/0	+0/3
—	Highlands	31/3	
2/9	Kamuning	2/4½	
4/4½	Kepong	4/4½	
—	Kuala Lumpur	35/0*	
28/0	Labu	27/3	−0/7½
1/6	Linggi	20/0	
2/7½	London-Asiatic	2/5½	−0/0½
1/3	Malacca	27/0	
27/10½	Malayalam	27/1½	−0/9
2/8	Marliman	2/7½	
—	Moopiy Valley	19/0	
2/4½	Port Dickson	2/1½	
24/0	Rubber Trust	24/0	−0/10½
—	Seafield	14/6	
—	Senadyan	35/0	
—	Sialang	29/6	
19/3	Straits Rubber	19/3	+0/6
—	Tali Ayer	20/10½	
—	Tandjong	30/0*	
—	Un. Serdang	2/1½	
—	United Sua Betong	60/0	
—	Vallambrosa	60/0	

Anglo-Sum. 10/3		N. Hummock 18/7½	
Bah Lias 28/9		P.P.K.(Cyl'n) 19/6	
Batu Tiga 36/3		Palaling 18/10½	
B.N.B.R.Tst 10/0		Pilmoor 18/7½	−1/7½
Brieh 1/7		Rim Malacca 3/6	
Bukit Cloh 4/6		Rub. E. Johore 22/7½	
Bukit Rajah 21/0		Sapong 25/3	−0/7½
Castlefield 4/6	−0/1	Sapumalk'de 20/3	
Cheviot 2/10½		Selangor 4/3	
Cicely 4/3		SerdangC'nt'l 24/6	
Eastern Trust 15/9		Soember Ajoe 1/9	
Gen. Ceylon 33/9		Sumatra Con. 21/9	
Glenbervie 27/3		Sungei Baaya 29/3	
Golden Hope 21/6		Sungei Choh 16/3	
Java Amal. 12/6		Sungei Kapar 3/10½	
Kapar Para 39/9		Sungei Kr. Pl. 35/0	
Kasintoo 15/0		Taiping 1/4½	
Kepitigalla 5/0*	−2/7½	Tebrau 30/10½	
Kombok 2/4½		Telogoredjo 35/0	
Langkat Sum 27/6		Tempeh 8/0	
Ledbury 26/3		Un. Temiang 2/7½	
Lanch'ter N.B. 20/0		Yam Seng 2/0	
Membakut 10/0			

*Ex Div. † Ex Rights. ; Cum div.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ASBESTOS CORPORATION OF CANADA.—Dividend on Preferred stock of 1¾ per cent. for quarter.

CLYDESDALE (TRANSVAAL) COLLIERIES.—Dividend of 2½ per cent. (6d. per share).

DEJOO TEA.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., less tax.

EAGLE STAR AND BRITISH DOMINIONS INSURANCE.—Third quarterly interim dividend at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum, free of tax, on Ord. shares, and dividends at 6 per cent. per annum on Pref. shares, and at 10 per cent. per annum on Pref. Ord. shares for half-year.

EXPLOSIVES AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS.—Dividend of 2/6 per share, free of tax, being at the rate of 6d. per share for each of five years to June 30, 1923.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO CO. OF CANADA.—Ordinary dividends of 1 per cent. final, and 1½ per cent. interim dividend.

LAKE VIEW INVESTMENT TRUST.—Interim dividend in respect of the year to March 31, 1924, of 6 per cent.

MAKUM ASSAM TEA.—Interim dividend of 1/- per share, free of tax.

NATIONAL INSURANCE OF NEW ZEALAND.—Dividend of 2/- and a jubilee bonus of 3d. per share, making a total distribution of 5/6 per share for the year.

NEW HUDSON.—Dividend of 1/- per share, free of tax, for the year.

NORTH-EASTERN BREWERIES.—Dividend of 4 per cent. on Ord. for half-year, making 6½ per cent. for the year.

PREMIER DIAMOND MINING CO.—Dividend on Deferred shares of 400 per cent. (10/- per share), free of South African dividend tax, but less United Kingdom tax.

RUSSO-ASIATIC CONSOLIDATED.—The report for the year ended December 31, 1922, states that, following the appointment of M. Takovsky to this country, and friendly negotiations with him, as well as with M. Krassin, in regard to the return of the company's Russian properties were resumed by the Chairman, and it is considered probable that these negotiations will shortly lead to a definite conclusion. The accounts for the year show a loss of £9,168.

W. AND A. BATES.—Dividend of 6 per cent.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore, vary to some extent from, those given in our comments:—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	55⅜-55⅝	3½% Conv. Ln.	75½-75¾ −½
War Ln. 3½%	93½-94½	Irish Land 2¾%	56-58
do. 4½%	96½-97½	India 3%	55½-56½
do. 5%	99½-100 −½	do. 3½%	65½-66½
do. 4% (Tax free)	100-101	do. 5½%	102-103
Fund'g L'n	86½-87½ −½	do. 7%	114-116
Victory Bds.	91-92	Local Loans	63½-64½ −½
		Sudan 5½ p.c.	107-108*

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1943	92-94	Nigeria 6%	111-113*
Aust. Com. 5½%	99-101	Q'sland 4, 1940-50	80-2 −1
do. 6%	104-106	do. 4½ 1920-5	94-96
Brit. Col. 4½ 1941	91-93*	do. 6% 1930-40	103-5
Canada 4%	89-91 −1	S. Africa 4% Cns.	87-89
do. 4½ 1920-5	99½-100½*	do. 6%	104-106
Cape 3½ Cons.	78-80*	S.A'str'l'n 4, '40-60	84-86
Ceylon 6%	105-7*	do. 5½%	100-102
Natal 3½ '34	81-83	do. 6½%	106-8
N.S.W. 4½ 1922-7	96-98*	Victoria 4, 1940-60	84-86
do. 5½ 1922-7	99-101*	do. 6½% 1923-5	100-2*
do. 5½% 1922-32	99-101*	W. Aust'n 4% 42-62	84-86
do. 6½% 1930-40	106-8	do. 5½% 1920-40	102-104
N. Zeal'd 4, '29	94-96		

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U. Dec. 11.				
—	Atchison	110	113	−1
—	Baltimore	66	68	−1
—	Chesapeake	79	81*	
—	Chicago Milwaukee	15	17	
24½	Erie	23½	24½	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	32	34	
—	New York, Ontario	18	20	
43	Southern Common	42	44	
—	Do. Pref.	77	79	
—	Southern Pacific	99	101	
—	Union Pacific	147	149	

BRITISH RAILS.

110½	Great Western	108	109	−1½
105	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	102½	103½	−½
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	79	81	−1
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	97	100	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	98	101	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	78	81	−½
86½	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	85	86	−½
33½	Do. Def. Ord.	31½	31¾	−½
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	79	81	−1
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	78	80	−1
74½	Metropolitan	71½	72½	−1½
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	98	101	
56	Do. District	53½	54½	−1½
86	Southern Pref. Ord.	84½	85½	−½
40	Do. Def. Ord.	37½	38½	−1
36	Do. "A"	34	35	−1
12	Do. "B"	11	12	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	98	101	−½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. 1924	97	100	
2⅞	Underground Electric	2⅞	3	−⅛
100½	Do. Income Bonds	100	102	
103	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106*	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

87	Antofagasta	84	87	
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	71	73*	
—	Bahia Blanca	78½	80½	
—	Brazil Railway Common	¾	1¼	
80½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	79½	81½	−½
72	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	71	73	−½
72	Buenos Ayres and W.	71	73	−½
166	Canadian Pacific	166	168	+1
67	Central Argentine	65½	67½	−½
42	Central Uruguay	44	46	+1
—	Entre Rios	15	17	−1½
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	66	68	−1
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	79	81*	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb.	48	51	−4
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	79	81*	
70½	Leopoldina	19½	21½	
9½	Mexican Rails	8	9	−½
27½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	25	27	
17½	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	16	18	
2	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref.	4½	5½	
2	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	1½	2½	
135	San Paulo Ord.	133	137	−1
80	United Havana	78	80	−½

FOREIGN BONDS.

100	Argentine, 1886	99	101	
73	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	72	74	
88½	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	84	86	
40½	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	39	41	
80½	Do. Funding, 1908	80	82	
69½	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	68	70	
94	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	92	94	
81½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	80	82	
67	Do. 5 p.c. 1912	66	68	
95½	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	94	96	
72½	Egyptian Unified	72	74	
25	French Loan	24½	25½	−½
19½	Do. 4 p.c.	19	20*	
13/3	German 3 p.c.	⅛	⅜*	
19½	Italian Rentes	19	21	
108½	Japanese 4½ p.c. 1st	107	109	
93	Do. 4 p.c., 1905	91	95	+1
84	Do. New 5 p.c., 1907	83	85	
57	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	54	56	
67	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	64	69	
2½	Peruvian Corporation	2½	3	
28	Do. Pref.	25½	26½	
93½	Do. Deb.	92	94	
33½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	32	34	
108½	San Paulo 8 p.c.	108	110	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	61	66	
84½	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	85	86	+½

BANKS.

—	Agricultural of Egypt	7	7½	
—	Anglo-South American	7	7½	
—	Australasia	12½	13½	−¼
—	Bank New South Wales	38	39*	
—	Bank of New Zealand	2⅛	2¼	
—	Barclays "A"	7⅞	8⅛	−⅛
—	British of Foreign Trade	⅜	½	−⅛
—	British Overseas	5	5½	
—	Canadian of Commerce	39	41	−1
—	Chartered of India	19½	20	
—	Hong Kong	124½	126½	
—	Lloyds	59/0	60/0	
—	Midland	8¼	8½	
—	National Discount "B"	7½	8¼	
—	National Prov. (£4 p.)	10½	11½	−⅛
—	Royal Bank of Canada	46	48*†	
—	Standard South Africa	10½	10¾	
—	Union of Australia	14½	15	
—	Westminster Bank	17¼	17½	

TELEGRAPHS.

23	Anglo-American Def.	23	23½	
1⅝	Marconi Wireless Ord.	1⅞	2⅛*	−⅛
1⅝	Do. Pref.	1⅝	1⅞*	−⅛
—	Do. Debs.	104½	108½	−1
1½	Do. Marine	1⅛	1⅜	
6/3	Do. Canada	5/7½	5/10½	
—	Oriental Telephone	1¾	2*	
17/0	Radio Corporation	18/7½	19/1½	+0/9
17/6	Do. Pref.	17/3	17/9	+0/1½

MISCELLANEOUS.

—	Aboukir Land	1⅛	1⅜	
26/0	Aerated Bread	1⅛	1¼*	
29/6	African and East. Trade	27/6	28/6	
20½	Alianza	20	21	
9/0	Allsopp £1 Shares	⅜	½	
70	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	69	73	
9/9	Amalgamated Cotton	8/3	9/3	−0/3
3½	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.	3	3½	
2⅛	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate	2⅛	2⅜	
8/0	Argentine Northern Land	⅜	½	
21/0	Do. Southern Land	1	1½	
17/3	Armstrong (W. G.)	15/6	16/6	−0/3
20/9	Associated Cement	18/0	19/6	−0/9
17/9	Do. Pref.	17/0	18/0	
5½	Assd. Newspapers Def.	4½	5	−½
—	Bartholomay Pref.	¼	¾	
92	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	90	93	
35/0	Do. Ord.	1⅜	1⅞	
18/0	Bleachers	1⅞	2⅛*	−⅛
16/6	Borax Con. Def.	1⅝	1⅞*	
28/3	Bovril Def.	1¼	1½	
45½	Brazilian Traction	44	46	
28/10½	British Portland Cement	1⅜	1½	
10/6	B.S.A.	9/6	10/6	
8/0	British Cellulose Ord.	7/10½	8/4½	−0/1½
28/9	British Oil and Cake	1¼	1⅜	
12/6	B.N.B. Land	⅜	⅝	
84½	Brit. Col. Electric Rail.	83½	86½	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	89	92	
27/6	Brunner Mond	24/6	26/6	−0/6
47/0	Bryant and May	2⅛	2⅜	
57/3	Bradford Dyers	2⅝	2⅞	
104/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	101/0	102/6	−1/6
—	British Glass	1/1½	1/4½	
26/3	Calico Printers	1⅛	1⅜	
15/0	Cammell Laird	14/0	15/0	
16/3	Cargo Fleet	[illegible]	[illegible]	
63/3	Coats	3	3⅛	−⅛
60/9	Courtaulds	60/3	61/3	
—	Court Line	30/1½	31/1½	
2/9	Crosse and Blackwell	2/0	3/0	−0/3
—	Cunard Ord.	⅞	1	
—	De La Rue Deb.	31½	32½	−½
8/3	Dunlop Rubber	7/0	8/0	−0/3
105½	Do. Deb.	103	108	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	88	90	−1
15/3	Dorman Long	14/0	15/0	+0/3
—	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	19/0	20/0*	
—	English Electric	18/9	19/3	
49/6	English Sewing Cotton	2⅜	2½	−⅛
48/6	Fine Spinners	2⅜	2⅝	−⅛
21/0	Forestal Land	1⅛	1⅜	
—	Furness Withy	1⅛	1⅜	
20/0	General Electric Ord.	19/3	20/9	
—	Do. Debs.	102	104	−½
372	Guinness	360	380*†	
—	Do. Pref.	117	122*	
—	Gramophone Ord.	1⅜	1⅝	
33/9	Harrods	1⅝	1⅞	
—	Hoyle Deb.	102	104*	
5½	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5⅛	5¼*	+⅛
70/0	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	66/6	68/6	−1/6
19/0	John Brown	17/0	18/0	
12/6	Do. (15/- paid)	11/6	12/6	
7½	Lautaro Nitrate	7½	8	
21/6	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	20/9	21/9	−0/3
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	105	107	
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	95	97	
28/3	Lipton	1⅛	1⅜	
4½	Lyons (J.)	4½	4¾	
29/9	Lagunas Nitrate	1⅛	1⅜	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1⅞	2⅛	
17/6	Lister Ord.	1⅛	1⅜	
3½	Liverpool Nitrate	2¾	3¼	
55/0	London Nitrate	2⅜	2⅝*	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	28/9	29/9	
6/3	Maypole Def.	5/9	6/3	
—	*Mond Nickel Pref.	1¼	1½	
32	Mexican Trams	27	30	−2
75	Do. Bonds	68	71	−3
—	Do. L. and P. Bonds	60	63	−1
15/0	Niger Pref.	14/6	15/6	−0/3
21/6	Nobel Ord.	20/6	21/6	
20/9	Do. Pref.	20/0	21/0	
—	Do. Def.	7/6	8/6	
1⅛	Parent Tyre Def.	1⅛	1⅜	
15/0	Do. Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
25/3	Pease and Partners	1⅛	1⅜	
—	P. and O. Def.	280	290*	−5
7/6	Pekin Syndicate	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Peter Walker Ord.	18/0	19/0	
12/0	Platt Bros. Ord.	31/6	32/6	−0/3
—	Royal Mail Ord.	85	90	
12/6	Rio Negro Lands	1⅛	1¼	+⅛
—	Rolls Royce	1⅛	1⅜	−⅛
20/6	Rosario Nitrate	20/0	21/0	
21/6	Salt Union	1	1¼	
89/3	South Durham Steel	2⅜	2⅝	
97	San Paulo Tram Deb.	93	95*	
23/6	South African Breweries	1⅛	1¼*	
26½	Shawinigan Water Debs.	118	120	
1⅛	Santa Rita Nitrate	1⅜	2	
2⅜	Santiago Nitrate	2⅛	2⅜	
52/6	Salar del Carmen	3	3½	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1⅜	
17/0	Siemens	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	[illegible]	[illegible]	
8⅛	Spratt's Patent	1⅛	1⅜	
—	Taling Ord.	2⅜	2⅝	
—	Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	4½	4¾	
15/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	14/6	15/6	
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	United Alkali	1½	1⅝	
9/3	United Steel	8/0	9/0	−0/3
14/0	Vickers Ord.	12/0	13/0	−0/6
1⅛	Van Den Berghs	1⅛	1⅜	−⅛
—	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Walker (John) Pref.	19/0	20/6	
17/0	Wallpaper Def.	1⅛	1⅜*	−⅛
—	Weardale Iron C.P.O.	1½	1¾*	

* Ex div. † Ex bonus ‡ Ex rights.

IRISH TRAFFICS.

Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland).—Return of traffic receipts for week ended 13th December, 1923:—Passenger train receipts, £15,650; 1922, £15,750; decrease, £100. Goods train receipts, £26,750; 1922, £23,700; increase, £3,050. Total, £42,400; 1922, £39,450; increase, £2,950. Aggregate for fifty weeks, £2,088,000; 1922, £2,002,000; increase, £86,000. The receipts for the corresponding period are adjusted to the actual figures.

LONDON MINING MARKET NERVOUS.

LONG LIST OF FALLS.

Distinctly dull conditions ruled throughout the Stock Exchange yesterday, all departments suffering alike. The depression was said to be due to three main causes—forced liquidation, politics, and the throwing out of stock held against options maturing at the end of the year. The feeling of nervousness spread to the Mining market, and even Kaffirs, which have otherwise everything in their favour, were on offer. The excellent nature of the half-yearly dividends, of which the Geduld and Modder Deep are the latest prominent examples, failed to check the dry rot, and a long list of shrinkages was shown at the close. Merits apparently counted for nothing, but it was fairly evident that, except in a very few instances, read holders were not selling, and the decline was due to the operations of professionals. Paris was doing very little, and, Johannesburg being closed, took no hand in the market. Not a single share marked an improvement, while the losses were more numerous than for a long time past, and, coming on the top of last week's shrinkages, gave the list rather a dismal appearance. Behind the scenes, however, bargain hunters were trying to get on, but found it difficult to pick up anything like a line of good class shares.

Rhodesians were equally despondent, and it would seem that, as in Kaffirs, certain professionals, who had been encouraged a week or so ago to help themselves fairly freely, were anxious to clear their books, even at a loss. Chartered managed to maintain their position, but Rezende were weak, and Selukwe were not helped by the latest progress report from the B.C. Silver, which was described as a report of no progress. Tanks, Zams, and Sherwood Starr, Cam and Motor, and nearly all the others were lowered, the only exception being Falcon, which added a trifle to the previous quotation. De Beers Pref. were wanted, probably on the dividend of 10s. per share declared by the Premier, but otherwise Diamonds receded. West Africans followed other things, and the same gloomy conditions prevailed in the Australian section, an interim dividend of 6 p.c. on Lake View, against nil, arousing not the slightest interest. Rio Tinto set the fashion in the Copper section by falling sharply. Russos were easier, and in the Miscellaneous department San Francisco, British Platinum, Oroville, and Colombian Mining were all depressed. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 10.		
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅛-1¼ − 1/16
16/3	Anglo-French	15/9-16/3
3½	Brakpan	3¼-3⅜ − 1/16
9⅝	Cent. Mining (£8)	9⅜-9⅝ − ⅛
3⅛	City Deep	3-3⅛ − 1/16
20/0	Con. Goldfields	18/3-19/3 −0/6
9/9	Cons. Main Reef	9/0-9/6 −0/3
15/9	Cons. Selec. (10/-)	1⁄-9-14/9
3⅛	Crown Mines (10/-	2⅞-3⅛ − 1/16
17/3	Durban Deep	17/0-17/6
7/6	E. Rand Mining	7/9-8/3
8/6	E. Rand Prop.	5 4½-8/7½ −/4½
3⅝	Geduld	3⅝-3¾
13/6	Gen. Mining	12 6-13/0 −0/3
11/3	G. M. Investment	10/9-11/3 −0/3
6⅛	Government Areas	6⅛-6⅜ − 1/16
10/3	H. E. Prop.	9/9-10/3
12/0	Johan'burg Invest	29/3-29/9 −1/9
6/3	Kleinfontein	5/3-5/9 −0/3
19/6	Knight's	17/9-18/9 −0/3
25/9	Langlaagte Estate	23/9-24/3 −0/9
3⅝	Meyer & Charlton	3⅝-3⅞
4⅛	M'derfontein (10/-)	4⅛-4⅜ − 1/16
1⅞	Modder B (5/-)	1⅝-1⅞ − 1/16
2⅛	Modder Deep (5/-)	2⅛-2¼ − 1/16
8/3	Modder East	8/0-8/6 −0/3
1⅛	New State Areas	1⅛-1⅜ − 1/16
6/6	Nigel	6/0-7/0
14/9	Nourse Mines	13/6-14/0 −0/6
3⅜	Rand Mines (5/-)	2⅞-3⅛ − 1/16
21/3	Randfontein	19/6-20/0 −0/6
13/0	do. Central	11/9-12/3 −0/3
1⅛	Rob'son Dp. A (1/-)	1⅛-1⅛
25/0	Robinson Dp. B	24/6-25/0 −0/9
14/0	Rose Deep	13/9-14/3
¾	S.A. Gold Trust	⅝-¾
2⅛	Springs Mines	2⅛-2⅜ − ⅛
13/0	Sub Nigel	12/9-13/3
2⅛	Trans. and Del. R.	2⅛-2⅜
17/6	Trans.-Con. L. (15/-)	16/6-17/6
32/3	Union Corp. (12/6)	29/0-29/6*
20/0	Van Ryn	19/0-19/6 −0/6
3⅛	Van Ryn Deep	3⅛-3⅜
17/6	Vereeniging	17/6-18/6 −0/3
14/3	Village Deep	13/6-14/0
25/3	West Springs	23/9-24/3 −0/9
10/0	Do. Options	8/9-9/9 −0/9
22	Witwatersrand Deep	16/0-17/0 −1/0

RUSSIAN.

⅛	Lena Gold	⅛-⅜
7/3	Russo-Asiat. Cons.	6/6-7/0 −0/3
2/6	Russian Mining	¼-½
⅛	Siberian Props.	1/16-3/16
⅛	Spassky	⅛-⅜

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 10.		
6/0	Bechuanaland Ex.	5/6-6/0 −0/3
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2⅛-2⅜ − 1/16
13/0	Chart'd B.S.A.	12 7½-12/10½
4/6	Falcon	4/6-5/0 +0/3
16/0	Gaika Gold	15/3-15/9
13/6	Globe & Phoenix (5/-)	13/0-13/6
6/10½	Gold F. Rho. (10/-)	6/3-6/9 −/1½
1⅛	Lonely Reef	1⅛-1⅛ − 1/16
2⅝	Rezende	2⅜-2⅝ − ⅛
5/0	R. Broken Hill (5/-)	4/9-5/0 −/1½
12/3	Selukwe	⅛-¼ − 1/16
1⅛	Shamva Mines	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	Sherwood Starr	2⅛-2⅜ − 1/16
16/10½	Tanganyika	16/3-16/9 −0/3
31/6	Vic. Falls Ord.	29/6-30/6 −0/6
29/3	do. Pref.	28/0-29/0
12/0	Wankie Col. (10/-)	⅞-1
10/3	Zambesia Explor.	9 9-10/3 −0/3
—	Zambesia Min. D.	⅛-⅜

DIAMOND.

1⅛	Angola Diamond	⅞-1
18/6	Con. D. S. W. A.	17/9-18/3 −0/3
11⅝	De Beers Def.	11⅛-11⅜
11⅛	do. Pref.	11 1/16-11 5/16 + 1/16
3	Jagersfontein	2⅝-3⅛
⅛	N. Va' River	1/16-3/16
7⅛	Premier Pf. (5/-)	7-7⅛

AUSTRALIAN.

1⅛	Amal. Zinc	1⅛-1⅛*
12/1½	Associated	10/9-11/3 −0/3
1⅛	Brit. Australian	1⅛-1⅜
26/6	Broken Hill Prop	1⅛-1⅜ − 1/16
2⅛	B. Hill Sth. (New	1⅞-2⅛ − 1/16
⅝	B. Hill, Block 10	½-⅝
1⅝	Electro Zinc Pref.	1⅛-1⅜
⅝	Ivanhoe	⅝-1⅛
15/6	Lake View (10/-)	15/0-16/0
3⅛	North Broken Hill	2⅞-3⅛*
14/3	Sulphide Ord.	3¼-3⅝
14/0	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	13/7-14
2⅛	do. Pref.	2⅛-2⅜

WEST AFRICAN.

⅝	Akim	½-⅝
8/6	Ashanti Gold (4/-)	8/0-8/6
9/9	Fanti Cons. (5/-)	9/0-9/6 −0/3
16/6	Gold Coast Amal.	15/9-16/3 −0/3
4/3	Taquah Explor.	3/9-4/3 −0/3

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15/6	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	14/9-15/3 −0/3
3⅝	Aramayo Francke	3⅜-3⅝*
6/9	East Pool (5/-)	6/3-6/9
1⅝	Gopeng	1⅛-1⅜
18/0	Ipoh	16/6-17/6 −0/6
1⅛	Kramat Pulai	1⅛-1⅜
2	Malayan T.D.	1⅞-1⅞ − ⅛
11/3	Mongu	11/0-14/6
17/3	Naraguta	16/0-17/0 −0/6
2/3	Nigerian Tin (5/-)	1/9-2/3
10/3	Pahang (5/-)	9/6-10/6 −0/6
19/4½	Rambutan	⅞-1
1⅛	Renong	1⅛-1⅜
11 4½	Ropp (4/-Shares)	10/9-11/3 −0/3
2⅜	Siamese	2⅜-2⅝ − 1/16
6/3	South Bukeru	6/0-7/0
1⅝	Tronoh	1⅝-1⅞

COPPER.

17/6	Arizona (5/-)	⅞-1⅛
⅝	Mount Elliott (£5)	⅜-⅝
8/3	Mount Morgan	9/0-10/0
21/9	Mount Lyell	1-1⅛ −/10½
1⅝	Namaqua	1⅜-1⅝
10/3	New Guinea	10/0-11/0
31⅞	Rio Tinto (£5)	31⅛-31⅜ − ⅝
13/6	S. American (2/-)	12/3-12/9 −0/3

MISCELLANEOUS.

15/9	Brit. Platinum	14 0-15/0 −0/9
9/3	Burma Corp.	8/9-9/3 −0/3
2/0	Chemical and Met.	2/0-3/0
4/9	Colombian Mining	3/9-4/3 −0/9
—	Colombian Props	19/6-20/6
4/4½	Corderoy Synd.	4/3-4/9 −0/3
1⅝	Huronian Belt	1⅜-1⅝
8/3	Keeley Silver	7/0-7/6 −0
9/9	Kirkland Lake	9/0-10/0
5⅝	Mexico Mines	5-5¼*
4⅝	Minerals Separ't'n	5⅝-6
13/6	Min. Corp. of Can	12/3-12/9
11/0	Mysore (10/-)	10/6-11/6
2/0	Nat. Min. (10/-pd.)	2/9-3/3
1⅛	New Chuquitambo	⅞-1⅛
9/0	Nundydroog	8/9-9/3
17/3	Ooregum	12/6-13/6
13/0	Oroville	12/0-13/0 −1/3
18/6	St. John Del Rey	17/9-18/9*
23/0	San Francisco (10/-)	21/9-22/3 −0/6
8/3	Santa Gertrudis	7/9-8/3
—	S. Amer G. Areas	1⅛-1¼
1⅛	Waihi Gold	1⅛-1⅛

*Ex Dividend. †Ex. Rights.

BUSINESS DONE.

Akim—10/6, 11/6. Anglo-American Corp.—25/-, 4/6, 9d., 8¼d., 4½d., 7½d., 10½d. Brakpan—71/6¾, 2/2½, 1/10½, 2/-, 1/4½, 70/7½, 3¼d., 69/4½, 70/11½, 1/5½, 70/-. British South Africa (Chart.)—12/7½, 9d., 10½d., 11½d., 8¼d., 10½d. Cam and Motor—48/5½, 1½d., *9/4½, 8/9, 9/-, 3d. Central Mining—9¼, ⅜, 15/32, 7/16, *7/16, 13/32, ⅜, ⅜. City Deep—61/6, 60/11¼, 7½d., 60/-, 1/3, 60/3¾, 7½d., 1/-. Consol. Diamond Mines S.W. Africa—17/6, 7½d., 3d. Consol. Gold Fields—19/1½, 18/9, 19/0¾, 18/10½. Consol. Main Reef—9/3. Consol. Mines Selection—14/6, 9d., 14/-, 1½d., 13/10½, 14/3. Corderoy—4/7½, 6d., 5¼d., 4½d. Crown Mines—60/7½, 6d., 60/-, 1/6¾, 59/8¾, 60/3¾, 59/4½, 60/11¼, 59/4½. Durban Rood. Deep—17/6, 3d., 4½d., 7½d., ¾d., 7½d. East Rand Prop.—5/10½, *5/-, 6¼d., 7½d., 6d. Eileen Alannah—5 4½, 1½d. Esperanza—3/3. Fanti Consols—9/4½. Geduld—63/9, 5/3¾, 5/-, 3/9, 4/4½, 4/0¾, 3/1½. General Mining—13/-, 12/9, 7½d., 13/-. Government Areas—6 1/16, 1/16, ⅛. Johannesburg Invest.—31/4½, 1/-, 1½d., 30/4½, 3d., 7½d., 6d., 9d., 10½d., *9d. Langlaagte—24/3, 4/-, 1½d., 3/10½, 4/6. Minerals Separation—92/6, 87/6, 90/-. Modderfontein B (5/- shares)—28/5½, 8/-, 3d., 7½d., 9d., 4½d., 7/6, 9¼d., 8/5½, 1½d. Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)—*44/9, *1/3, 4/4½, 5/-, 3¾d., 4/3. Modderfontein East—8/6, 4½d., 1½d., 7/10½, 8/-, 3d., 1½d. New Kleinfontein—5/6, *5/-, 3d., 6d. New Modderfontein—85/-, 7½d., 3/9, 1½d., 4/4½, 2/6. New State Areas—33/3. Nourse—13/9. Rand Mines—61/3, 60/7½, *59/9, *60/-, 7½d., 3¾d., 59/4½, 8¼d., 60/11¼, 58/9. Randfontein Central—12/1½, 4½d., 11/10½, 12/-, *9/6. Randfontein Estates—20/6, 20/-, 1½d., 19/10½, 7½d., 10½d. Robinson Deep A—35/11¼, 4½d., 6/9; do. B—25/4½, 6/-, 5/7½, 6d., 9d., 5/2½, 4/10½, 5/7½, 6d. Rose Deep—14/4½, 1½d., 14/-, 6d., 3d., 4½d. Russo-Asiatic—6/9, 11½d., 7/-, 6/7½, 9¾d., 10½d. Selukwe Gold—11/-, 9/4½, 10½d., 10/-, 9/10½, 10/3, 9/6¾, 4½d. Springs—54/8½, 5/7½, 4/4½, 5/3, 3/10½, 4/0¾, 5/3¾. Tanganyika—16/4½. Union Corporation—29/9, 3d., 6d., 1½d., 3d. Van Ryn—19/4½, 9d., 1½d., 7½d., *18/10½, 19/6, 7½d., 1½d. Van Ryn Deep—68/9, 9/0¾, 70/3, 69/4½. Village Deep—14/-, 13/7, 6d., 13/-, 5¼d., *7/6. West Springs—24/7½, 6d., 4½d., 3/10½, 4/1½, 9d., 4½d. Zinc Corp.—13/10½.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—55⅝, 6, ⅛, 5⅜, 6 1/16, 5½, ⅜, 13/16. 3½ p.c. War Loan—95 13/16, ⅜, 6, 5½, 13/16, 6. 4½ p.c. War Loan—97, 6⅞, ⅞, ⅛. 5 p.c. War Loan—100, 99⅞, 15/16, 13/16, ⅞, 15/16, ⅞, 1/16. 4 p.c. War Loan—100¼, ⅛, ⅛, 1/16, ¼, 1/16, 3/16. Funding Loan—87⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1/16, 6⅞, 7⅛, 6 15/16, ⅞, ⅛. Victory Bonds—91⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1/16, 1/16, ⅛, 1/16, 1, 1/16, ⅛. Conversion Loan—75 11/16, 6, ⅛, ⅛, 5¾, ⅛, 6 1/16, 5⅞, ⅞, 5, 1/16. India 7 p.c. Loan—114, ⅛, ⅞. India 4½ p.c.—86¼, 6, ⅛, 1/16, 5⅞, ⅞, 6⅛, ⅛, 5⅞, ⅞. Australia 6 p.c. Stock—104⅞, 5⅛, ⅛; do. 5 p.c. Stock—99⅞, 100, ⅛, ⅜, ⅛, ⅞, 99⅞. South Africa 6 p.c.—104⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 5⅛, 3⅞, 4⅞, ⅞. Aerated Bread (x.d.)—25/-, 4½d., 9d., *6d., 4½d. African and Eastern—28/-, 6d., 9d., 7/10½, 8/3, 4½d. Agwi Petroleum—13/-, 12/6, 9¾d., 2¼d., 13/1½. Amalgamated Cotton—8/6, 8¼d., 9d., 6¾d. Anglo-Dutch Rubber—34/3, *3/3, 4/-, 3/9, 7½d., 4/4½, 4/-. Anglo-Ecuadorian Oil—31/-, 30/7½, 29/10½. Anglo-Egyptian "B"—19/10½, 20/7½. Anglo-Persian Oil—41/6, 40/7½, 40/-, 1/10½, *40/-, 1½d., 40/11¼; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—21/-, 3d., 20/10½, 9d., 1/0¾. Armstrong—16/3, 16/-, *15/9, 16/7½. Assoc. Cement—19/4½, 6d., 9d., 1½d., 18/10½, 19/4½, 18/7½. Assoc. Newspapers Def.—5⅛, 4⅞, 5 1/16, 4 15/16, 15/16, 5 1/16, ⅛, 5, 4 15/16, 15/16. Baldwins Ord.—16/9, 3d., 6d., 4½d., 9d., 1½d. Barclays Bank "A"—7⅛, *⅛, £7 18/6, 7 15/16; do. "B"—52/7½, 9d., 1½d., *2/-, 3d., 6d., 2/-. Bovril Def.—27/9. Brazilian Traction—44⅛, 5, ⅛, ⅛, 4⅞, ⅞. British-American Tobacco—103/9, 6d., 3/-, 2/10½, 3/3, 2/9, 3/4½, 1/9, 6d. British Controlled Oil—5/4½, 3d., 3¾d.; do. Pref.—6/5¼, 3d., 4½d., 6d., 1½d., 3d., 3¾d. British Oil and Cake—25/6, 4½d., 1½d. British Overseas Bank—5⅛, £5 5/3, £5 5/9. Brunner Mond—36/-, 5/9, 6/3¾, 1½d., 4½d., 5/6. Bryant and May—47/9, 7/-, 6/3, 7/-. Buenos Ayres Central 2nd Debs.—70. Buenos Ayres Great Southern—80⅛, 80, ⅛, *79⅞, 80, ⅛, ⅛, 79⅞. Buenos Ayres Western Ord.—71⅛, 2, ⅞, 1⅛, 2⅛, ⅞, 70⅞, 1⅛. Buenos Ayres Pacific—72⅛, 1⅞, 2, ⅛, 2, 1. Burmah Oil—83/1½, 80/-, 3d., 1/3. Calico Printers—30/3, 6d., 30/-. Canadian Pacific—166⅞, ⅛, ⅞, 1/16, 6, ⅛, 7, 6⅛, ⅞, 7⅛, ⅛, 6⅞. Central Argentine Cons.—66⅛, 6, 7, 6⅛, ⅛, 5⅞, *⅛, 6, 5⅞. Coats—62/6, *60/9, 1/9, 6d., 2/-, 1/3, 60/-. Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.—*18/4½, *7½d., 19/3; do. Part. Pref.—21/4½. Cory (Wm.)—45/6, 3d., 4/9, 4/-. Courtaulds—60/3, 60/-, 59/9, 10½d., 60/3, 58/6, 8/-, 9/10½, 60/1½, 3d. Crosse and Blackwell—2/4½. Crosses and Winkworth Pref.—10/9, 6d., 9d. Cunard Ord.—18/3, 7½d.; do. Debs.—103⅛, ⅛, 3. Daily Mail Trust Debs.—99, 8⅞, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 15/16, ⅛, ⅛. Dunlop Ord.—7/7½, 6d., 9¾d., 5¼d., 1½d., 4½d., 6d.; do. Debs.—106. Dunlop Tire America Debs.—93⅛. Ediswan—4/6. Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref. (x.d.)—19/6. English Sewing Cotton—49/6. Fine Cotton Spinners—46/9, 6/-, 3d., 9d. Forestal Land—21/10½, 9d., 2/-, 3d., 1/7½. General Electric Ord.—20/3, 1½d., 20/-; do. Debs.—103⅛, 2⅞, 3. Grand Central Rubber—18/9, 19/-, 18/1½, 3d., 4½d., 19/-. Great Western Rail.—109⅛, ⅛, 9, ⅛, 8⅞, ⅞, ⅛, *9, ⅛, 8, ⅛, 7⅞; do. 5 p.c. Pref.—101⅞, ⅛, 100⅛, ⅛, 1⅛, 100, 1⅛, 100. Guinness Ord.—373. Harrod's Ord.—32/9, 3/-, 2/7½, 6d., 3d., 3/1½. Highlands Rubber—31/5, 6d., 10½d., 9d. Hudson's Bay Ord. (x.d.)—*5 1/16. Imperial Tobacco—68/-, 7½d., 7/10½, 8/6, 3d., 7/6, 11½d., 8/4½, 9/-, 7/9, 6d., 7/-, *6d., 8/6, 10½d.; do. Canada—24/7½, 9d., 1½d., 7½d. Jute Industries—5/9, 6/1½, 5/9. Kassala Cotton—16/3, 16/-, 1½d. Kern River Oil—14/10½, *14/-, 9d., 3d., 7½d. Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—21/7½, 3d., 6d., 4½d., 1½d., 7½d.; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—21/3, 6d., 7½d., 4d., *20/1½, 1/4½, 1/-; do. 7 p.c. Debs.—106⅛, 5⅞. Linggi Rubber—30/7½, 29/4½. Lipton Ord.—26/10½, 7/-. Lister Ord.—26/3, 5/9, *6/-. Lloyds Bank—59/6, 3d., 9/-, 1½d., 4½d., 1⅛d. Lobitos Oil—6 1/16, 1/16. London Joint City Bank—8⅞, 15/16, ⅞, ⅞, 1/16, ⅞. London, Midland, and Scottish Ord.—103⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 2⅞, ⅞, 3⅛, 2 15/16, *⅛, 15/16, *⅞. London and North-Eastern Pref. Ord.—86, 5⅞, *⅛, 6 1/16, 5⅞, ⅞, ⅞, *5, ⅞; do. Def. Ord.—32, 1⅞, ⅛, 2⅛, 1⅞, *2, 1⅞, ⅞, ⅛, *2, *1⅛, 1/16, 2⅛, ⅛. Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.—92/6, 1/3; do. 7 p.c. Pref.—25/6, 4½d., 5/-, 7½d., 3d., 6d. Malayalam Rubber—27/3, 6d., 7/-. Marconi Ord. (x.d.)—40/6, 4½d., 40/-, 1/6, 3d., 40/4½, 9d. Marconi Debs.—106 1/16. Maypole Def.—6/-, 5/10½, 6/-. Metropolitan Rail.—73, ⅛, ⅛, 2⅞, ⅞, 3, 1 15/16, *⅛, ⅞, 2⅛, 1⅞. Metropolitan District—54⅛, ⅛, 3⅞, 5, 4⅞, 3⅞, ⅛. Mexican Eagle Ord.—20/3, 6d., 20/-, *1/6, 19/7½, 20/3, *1/7½, 19/10½; do. 7 p.c. Pref.—13/6, 5¼d., 3d. Mond Nickel—36/3, 6/-. Nat. Prov. Bank (£3½)—9⅞; do. (£4)—11 1/16, 10 15/16, 11, 10⅞, £10 19/3, 10 15/16, 11 1/16. Nestle 8 p.c. Pref.—21/10½, 2/3, 1½d., 2/-, 1/9, 2/4½. Niger 8 p.c. Pref.—14/7½, 15/-. Nobel Indus.—*20/7½, 1/-, 20/6, 1/6⅞; do. Pref.—*19/9, 20/-, 4½d.; do. Deferred—*7/6, 9d.; do. Debs.—106⅛, 6. Peruvian Corp. Pref.—26, ⅞, 5⅞, ⅞, ⅞. Phœnix Oil—15/9, 10½d., 3d., 16/-, 15/9, 16/4½, *15/-, 7½d., 10½d. Platt Bros. Ord.—33/3, 1/6¾, 2/-, 3d. Radio Corp.—18/9, 19/1½, 19/-; do. Pref.—17/6. Rim Malacca Rubber—3/9. Royal Dutch—33⅞, ⅞, 4, 3⅞, ⅞, ⅞, ⅞. Rubber Trust—24/-, 3d., 3/10, 1d., 9d., 4/1½, *3/-. Selfridge Pref. Ord.—25/6, 6/-, *5/6, 6/3. Shell—75/3¾, 11½d., 6/3, 5/-, 7½d., 4/4½, 3/9, 5/11¼, 3/9. Smithfield and Argentine—13/5¼, 3d., 9d., 6d. Southern Rail. Pref. Ord.—86⅛, ⅛, 6, 5⅞, ⅛, ⅛, *5, ⅛, *⅛; do. Def. Ord.—39, 8⅞, ⅛, ⅞, ⅛, ⅛, 9, 8⅞; do. Ord. "A"—34⅞, *⅛; do. Ord. "B"—11⅛, ⅛, 11. Spies Petroleum—2/6. Sudan Plantations—6, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛, 1/16, 6. Tankers Pref.—4/9. Turkish United—13 15/16, ⅛, 19⅛, 18⅞, ⅞. Underground Elec.—60/-, 7½d., 58/6, 7/6, 60/7½, 59/4½. Underground Income Bonds—100, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 99⅞, ⅛, 100⅛, 100. United Dairies—33/9, 3d., 1½d., 3/-. United of Havana Rail.—78⅞, ⅛, ⅛, 7⅞, 8, 7⅞. United Serdang Rubber—3/0¾, 1½d., 3d. United Tobacco—61/3, 2/-, 6d. Urcs Oil—3/9. Vickers—12/10½, 7½d., 6d., 8¼d., 9d. V.O.C. Holdings—33/9, 1/10½, 3/1½, 2/6, 2¼d., 1/6¾. Walker (Peter) "B" Pref.—19/-, 18/6. Westminster Bank—17¼, 1/16, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, ⅞, ⅛. Whiteley (Wm.)—55/7½.

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INDUSTRIALS DULL.

SET-BACK IN PRICES.

A very dull opening was seen in the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday owing to a display of nervousness, which was reflected in fresh realisations. Prices consequently were marked back still further, and the depression was accentuated when it was reported that one of the banks was unloading stock on an unwilling market. Both B.A.T.S. and Imperials suffered nervousness, but Imperials of Canada closed better on the day. In the Textile section Courtaulds continued on offer throughout and finished at the worst, while declines were the rule in this department, even Dyestuffs Prefs. giving way. Stores descriptions shared in the general weakness. While there was a little nibbling at some of the Iron and Steel Shares on the brighter outlook for the industry, selling orders predominated, and prices consequently closed lower on the day. Ebbw Vales and the Prefs. were noticeably weak as a result of the passing of the dividend on the latter. Coal Stocks drooped, as did also Shipping Securities, P. and O. Def. suffering. Electricals showed dulness, Charing Cross further receding and Siemens Bros. closing easier. Cables sagged. Breweries were flat, and Hotel Shares, Caterers, and Foodstuffs exhibited an easier tendency. The fall in News Shares continued unchecked. *Daily Mail* Trust Debs. finishing down on the day. Nestle Pref. closed firm at 22s. 6d., but Van Den Berghs were marked down ⅛ to 1 1/16.

The Marconi group was dull. Renewed weakness developed in the Newspaper group. Associated Def. fell 1/16 to 4 11/16. *Daily Mirrors* closed ½ lower at 4⅝, and *Sunday Pictorials* receded to 3, at which they showed a loss of ¼ after having been 2⅞ sellers at one time. Anglo-Scottish Trusts drooped 2s. 6d. to 10s., at which they closed a nominal market. Brunner Mond continued on offer, and further receded to 35s. 3d., or 1s. down on balance. British Portland Cements lost 1s. 3d. at 25s., and Associated eased to 18s. 9d., the 1st Debs. lost ½ at 84½. African and Easterns receded to 28s., and both the Lever Prefs. to 21s. 6d., though Oil Cakes were maintained at 25s. 9d. Bryant and Mays weakened to 2 5/16. Wallpaper Def. gave way to 14s. 6d. x.d. British Aluminiums lost 6d. at 18s. 6d., and Dunlops a similar amount at 7s. 3d. Nobels eased to 20s. 9d., and the Def. to 8s. Among Motors, Humbers fell 9d. to 22s., and Rolls Royce gave way to 1⅞. Vauxhalls hardened to 6s. 3d. Recent issues were flat, P. and O. Debs. receding to 2 discount, Tata Power A and B Debs. to 4 discount, Denaby Debs. to 98½, Lancashire Electrics to 1s. 3d. premium, and the Prefs. to 3s. premium. Buchanan Dewars changed hands at 4 11/16.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The directors of the British Cyanides Company take the opportunity afforded by the payment of the Preference dividend to give shareholders a brief account of the company's progress. At the annual meeting in July last, the Chairman stated that an interim dividend on the Ordinary would be considered before the end of the year, subject to the proviso that the conditions of trade did not depart from the normal to any great extent. Unfortunately, state the directors, conditions have been by no means normal since then, and they, therefore, do not feel justified in declaring a dividend. The plant for the manufacture of permanganate of potash was started up last August and is earning revenue. The first unit plant for fixation of atmospheric nitrogen, mentioned at the annual meeting, has been installed and was started up in November. The process is producing and promises well, and further units are being installed.

The Air Ministry announces the agreement which has been entered into between His Majesty's Government and the British, Foreign and Colonial Corporation, Ltd., for the establishment of an Imperial Air Transport Co., providing for the appointment by the Government of two directors to the Board of the projected company, and in accordance with that provision His Majesty's Government has decided to appoint Sir Herbert Hambling and Major J. W. Hills to be the Government directors, subject to the satisfactory flotation of the company. These gentlemen will join the Board after the allotment of shares.

There has been some activity in Nestlé Pref. shares of late, accompanied by reports that there might possibly be a payment on account of arrears. These reports appear to have been well founded, and the company has now issued a circular to shareholders, which indicates a prospect of the whole of the amount of the arrears being paid off at no distant date. According to Swiss law, a company registered in that country cannot pay a dividend until after the accounts have been passed in general meeting. The Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company's meeting will be held in April next, but the results of the trading for the first nine months of the year indicate that it will be possible to recommend the payment of the dividend for 1922. It is also expected that the company will then be in a position to give the shareholders information with reference to the Pref. dividend accruing for the year 1923.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, £13 9/-, £13 9/3, 13; Atlas, 17, ⅛; British General, 35/6, 6/-, 5/9, 5/-, 6/-; Eagle Star, 14⅛, ⅛, ⅛; Law Union, 20, ⅛; London and Lancashire, 15 9/16, ⅛, £15 18/-, 16 1/16; London Assurance, 8¾, ⅛, 9, ⅛, 8⅞; Motor Union, 7⅛, 8¼, 7⅞, 8; North British, 15⅞, £15 16/-; Northern, 15, ⅛, 14⅞; Phenix, 10⅛, ⅞; Royal Exchange, 473, 4, 1; Sun, 17⅞, 18⅛, 17⅞; United British, 37/6, 6/-.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL:—Alliance Assurance, 13⅛; Caledonian Insurance, 12; Commercial Union, 18⅛, ⅛, ⅛; do. 4 p.c. Ocean Deb. Stock, 95; Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, 25/6, 4/6, 5/-; General Accident Fire and Life, 6⅛; Guardian Assurance, 7⅛; London and Lancashire Insurance, 16; London Assurance, 8⅞; North British and Mercantile, 16, 15⅞; Phenix Assurance, 10⅛; do. Pelican, 11⅛; do. Norwich Union, 11⅛; Royal Insurance, 23⅛, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛; State Assurance, 9⅛.

TRAFFICS.

Alabama Traction Light and Power.—Operating results of the Alabama Power Company (the principal S.E.S. subsidiary) from all sources, including Montgomery for November gross $783,080; net, $336,373. Net earnings for first 11 months of 1923 amount to $3,354,115, an increase of $740,005 over the corresponding period in 1922. Great Southern of Spain Railway.—Week to December 8, pesetas 85,835; decrease, pesetas 7,301. Bard Light Railway.—Week to November 24, increase rupees 38,900. Lancashire United Tramways.—Week to December 11—Tramways, decrease £259; Omnibus increase £195. Bombay, Baroda, and Central India—Week to December 8, Rs.2,463,000; increase Rs.115,000. Nitrate Railways—Fortnight to December 15, £37,031; increase £13,087. New Cape Central Railway—Week to November 24, £2,242; decrease £322.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL COMPANY, LIMITED.

GOVERNMENT'S SHARE HOLDING.

THE REPORTED SALE.

PROSPECTS OF THE FUTURE.

The fourteenth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this company was held yesterday at Winchester House, Old Broad street, London, E.C., Sir Charles Greenway, Bart. (Chairman of the company) presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. John Clark) having read the notice convening the meeting, and also the report of the auditors,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—When I last had the pleasure of addressing you I was hopeful that we would at least be able to maintain our previous dividend. Unfortunately, however, owing to disappointments we have had in connection with the throughput of our refinery at Abadan, to which I will refer later, this is not the case. Nevertheless, the results shown by our accounts may, I think you will agree with me, be regarded as satisfactory, bearing in mind these disappointments, and the fact that we have—following our usual conservative policy—made very full provision for depreciation and for any writings down that are necessary in connection with our prospecting and testing operations, both in Persia and in other parts of the world, in our search for further sources of supply. The dividend on the Ordinary shares that we have recommended is 10 per cent. The profits made might have justified a higher dividend, but, in view of the desirability of conserving our financial resources as much as possible, owing to the smaller revenue resulting from the failure of our Abadan refinery to realise its estimates, we have come to the conclusion, after full consideration, that the dividend we have recommended is all we should with prudence pay.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

As to prospects for the current year, it is impossible yet to give a definite forecast. When I met you last year I indicated that we could not expect any increase in our dividend for the current year, but that we might look for a maintenance of the former dividend if the prices then current were maintained, because we expected to be dealing with a much larger volume of oil as the result of the various extensions to our refineries then in progress. In both of these respects, however, we have been disappointed. Prices of our main products have, as you are all aware, declined materially, and our Abadan refinery has, as I have already mentioned, so far failed to obtain the throughput for which it was designed. On the other hand, we shall gain some benefit from increased production, which, though not up to original estimates, will be substantially in excess of the year for which the accounts are now before you, and also there will be some set-off against the lower prices consequent on the reductions which we have been able to effect in our costs of distribution—partly as the result of the larger turnover and partly owing to the general decline in costs of all kinds which has taken place during the past twelve months. So far as it is possible to judge, however, I am afraid that we cannot look for any improvement in results for the current year. In the following year, however, we may, I think—subject, of course, to there being no further decline in the prices of our products—look for a very substantial improvement, as the Abadan refinery should then be on a full working basis, and the refineries which are being erected in Scotland and Australia by associated companies will, as mentioned in the report, be completed and in full operation.

QUESTION OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

As to the future course of the markets for petroleum, it is of course always dangerous to prophesy. Last year when I addressed you there was every indication of a speedy recovery in prices, because of the serious falling off in the production in Mexico, but this was later on more than counterbalanced by a very large increase of production in the United States, the country which only quite recently was predicting the speedy exhaustion of its fields and claiming on that score a large participation in every other known oil field in the world. Now, again, however, the production in that country has begun to fall off, and it would seem pretty certain that we are not far off the point at which demand will again overtake supply. If one follows the course of the world's production and of prices over a long period of years, it will be seen that there is in oil, as in most other commodities, an automatic action and reaction, accounted for by the fact that a period of high prices gives a stimulus to production in the poorer fields, where producing costs are high, which for a time causes the supply to overtake demand, and that a period of low prices has the contrary effect. The overproduction of to-day is the direct result of the abnormally high prices current during and immediately subsequent to the war. The low prices current to-day must inevitably, in their turn, lead to the cessation or reduction of drilling in these poorer fields—the oil from which forms in the aggregate a large proportion of the world's total supply—and to the consequent reduction of the quantity of oil produced to a point at which supplies will again be overtaken by demand. This swing of the pendulum in oil is a certainty—but whether the return swing in the direction of demand overtaking supply, and consequent higher prices has now commenced or not is largely a matter of opinion. My own is that it has, and that the unexpected increase of production in the United States, resulting from the stimulus given by the abnormally high prices of three or four years ago, was only a temporary check which is now nearly, if not quite, exhausted, whilst the fact that the world's consumption of oil products is yearly increasing by leaps and bounds, must necessarily accentuate the reaction towards a recovery in prices.

FALSE RUMOURS.

A good deal of loose talk has, I am sorry to say, been current during the past few months as to the financial position of the company. Statements have been made in the Press—and even under cover of the sanctity of parliamentary privilege—as to "colossal losses" which we are supposed to have made. The past and present published accounts of the company, and the full information which I have given you from time to time, and which I am continuing to-day, as to the policy of the company are, and should have been to those who made them—whether innocently or for ulterior motives—sufficient refutation of these ridiculous suggestions. Colossal expenditure, both of a capital and revenue character there has of course been, because this is a colossal company—the biggest British industrial concern, I believe, measured by the widespread extent and value of its assets, which exists in the Empire to-day, notwithstanding that we have only been in existence for fourteen years, and that our chief developments have been made during a period of difficulty without a parallel in commercial history; but the whole of this expenditure was legitimate and absolutely essential to the building up and maintenance of our business as a self-contained organisation in accordance with the policy laid down when the Government entered into partnership with us. The basis for some of these attacks upon us has, no doubt, been the common knowledge that we have incurred a considerable amount of expenditure in connection with our prospecting and drilling operations in the Argentine and other countries outside of Persia, and that a good deal of our recent capital expenditure, in additions to our fleet, pipe lines, refineries, etc., was incurred at a time when costs were much higher than they are to-day. The expenditure we have incurred in respect of the first of these two items can, so long as it is met out of current profits from year to year, and so long as it does not bear an undue proportion to the amount of the profits earned—a principle which we have invariably strictly followed—no more be regarded as "losses" than can the money which a farmer expends in putting manure on his land or seed into the ground. No prudent business man—be he merchant, manufacturer or tradesman—takes all of his profits year by year out of his business, since in most cases if he did so it would quickly die of inanition, but retains some portion of them in the business for the purpose of endeavouring to maintain or expand his operations. This, gentlemen, is the policy we have been following, in common with every other considerable oil undertaking in regard to our search for further oilfields, both inside and outside of Persia, and it is, I am sure you will agree with me, an absolutely sound one and essential to our future welfare.

PROSPECTING AND DRILLING EXPENDITURE.

In this connection I would like to point out that the expenditure which we have incurred in prospecting and drilling outside of Persia is no different in character to that which we have been incurring in similar operations inside the area of our Persian concession ever since our company was formed. Both were for the purpose of augmenting our reserves of crude, and making the future of the company more secure, and in respect of our Persia prospecting and testing operations, some of which have, of course, also been barren of result, we have in past years expended, and are still expending, very large sums, all of which are, of course, duly written off from year to year out of profits, just the same as is being done in the case of the expenditure incurred in connection with our outside operations. Expenditure of this nature is inevitable in the oil business if properly conducted, and if carried on as we are doing in all its branches from the point of production of the crude to distribution of the refined products to the consumer, and is common to all the larger companies. It is, in effect, a necessary form of insurance against the falling off in production or exhaustion of any particular proved field, but to avoid misunderstanding I would add that our search for oil in other parts of the world has not been undertaken through any want of faith in the potential life or richness of the fields we are now working in Persia—which year by year give increased indications of productivity—or in the existence in Persia of other fields of equal extent and richness, but by the desirability of securing supplies of crude in other parts of the world and thereby broadening the basis of the company, having in view the world-wide character of the refining and distributing organisations which we have had to create in order to dispose of our present Persian production.

WHAT EVERYONE KNOWS.

No one who has had the least experience of the oil business would ever dream of expecting that every prospecting and drilling operation carried out in the search for additional sources of supply would lead to the finding of a paying field. Everyone knows that the only real test of the value of a field is the drill. When we take up a concession we adopt every precaution we can before embarking on any considerable expenditure, first by having it examined and reported upon by experienced geologists, and then only proceeding to test it by the drill if the geologists' reports are satisfactory. But, as most of you are aware, geology is not an exact science so far as defining whether oil is, or is not, present in commercial quantities in any given area of supposed petroliferous territory, and we should consider ourselves very fortunate, indeed, and the expenditure connected with them as amply justified, if only one out of every ten of our test drilling operations resulted in the proving of a remunerative field; but you will be pleased to learn that, as a matter of fact, the operations which we have been carrying on have so far considerably exceeded this proportion of successes, and that the new territory so far proved as the result of these operations is of a value far in excess of the amount expended on the whole of our testing operations since our company first came into existence. (Hear, hear.)

ESSENTIALS OF THE BUSINESS.

I will now deal with the other direction in which it has been suggested that we have made enormous "losses"—viz., in our capital expenditure on tankers and refineries. It is true that we could replace some of these to-day at a much lower cost; but to describe this difference as a "loss" is ludicrous, because they were, and are, essentials of our business, just as much as the plough which a farmer buys to till his land or the carts to carry his crops, and had we delayed ordering them until now in order to avail ourselves of to-day's lower costs we should have been still worse off; for in the case of tankers we should either not have been able to produce the oil that they have carried at all, and, therefore, have lost the profits we have made on it, or have had to pay ruinous rates of freight on it to other tanker owners, and in the case of the refineries not have been able to refine the oil at all, and also have been *minus* the profits we have made on it. In both cases we should undoubtedly have been in a worse position financially than we are to-day, and, moreover, our whole scheme of creating a self-contained organisation capable of carrying on the oil business in all its branches would have been upset and delayed for three years or more.

THE COMPANY'S FLEET—A MISUNDERSTANDING.

The misunderstanding as to our position in regard to our fleet is, no doubt, due to the point of view that would be taken by a shipowner who had contracted for dear tankers as a shipping investment pure and simple. From that point of view, our purchases when the cost of building was high would, of course, have appeared very bad ones, as he would not have had the indirect advantages which we, as an oil company, have gained by the creation of a fleet capable of carrying all the oil we produce and refine. As I have pointed out on a previous occasion, our tanker fleet is in effect only an extension of our pipe lines, both being for the purpose of transporting our oil from the wells to the consuming markets. And our fleet of tankers is just as much an essential of our business as a whole as our pipe-lines, our refineries, our distributing organisations, our motor lorries, or even the tins in which we deliver our petrol to the consumer. As a matter of fact, however, even looking at the cost of our fleet from the point of view of a shipowner, the position is by no means unsatisfactory, for not only have we always written off the customary depreciation, but we have from year to year written off large sums of extra depreciation, with the result that its cost—and it is practically a new fleet—now stands in our books at a very moderate figure, and any difference between this figure and the probable replacement cost to-day is fully covered by our reserves.

UNSUBSTANTIAL RUMOURS.

With these explanations you will see how unsubstantial are the rumours to which I have referred, but as they appear to have gained a certain amount of credence, and not unnaturally have caused some uneasiness among shareholders, I will, however, go further and say with confidence that the balance sheet now before you is one of the finest and most conservative ever placed before any body of shareholders, and one of which we have every reason to feel proud. (Hear, hear.) All assets which have depreciated in value have either been written down or reserved against to their replacement value, and, following the practice of all soundly conducted industrial concerns, not a single one of the assets which have appreciated has been written up by one penny. And were the whole of the assets of the company taken at their true value to-day, they would, in my opinion—at a modest computation—stand at from two to three times the figures represented in the balance sheet now before you. One other explanation which I think it my duty to give you is this: the expenditure of a capital nature during the past three years by the Anglo-Persian and its subsidiary companies has amounted to a total of about £32,000,000. Not the modest £10,000,000 which we are accused of having laid out in that period, but £32,000,000, which sum is represented by a vast amount of property, all essential to the proper and economic working of our business—wells, pipe-lines, pumping stations, whole towns occupied by our employés, refineries, a railway, our tankers and a large flotilla of smaller steamers, tugs, barges and other river and harbour craft, a vast amount of tank storage, ocean and inland bunkering and distributing installations, etc., etc., in all parts of the world. Out of this amount only £12,000,000 was provided for by the new capital issues (including premiums), made during those years. Of the remainder no less than £12,000,000 was met out of earnings during that period, and £6,000,000 out of funds which we had in hand at the beginning of the period. The remainder has been financed on terms much more favourable than those on which we could have raised new capital. This proof of the extent to which we have been building up our present vast concern out of revenue will, I am sure, be a pleasing revelation to most of you, and be a further confirmation of all I have said as to the sound position of the company, and the conservatism of the policy which we have been following in regard to our finances. With regard to the attacks which have been made upon the administration of the company, I do not think it necessary to enter into any defence beyond the explanations I have already given to you. The object of these attacks is self-evident, but the successful records of the company and the facts I have given to you to-day more than refute the gross mis-statements and criticisms of our would-be detractors. All successful concerns arouse the jealousy and envy of others—the more so an oil company such as ours, which, in the face of great difficulties and opposition, has made itself a potent influence in the world's markets. That it has shown such satisfactory results as it has, notwithstanding these difficulties and despite the fact that it is supplying the Navy with a large proportion of its fuel oil requirements at a very favourable rate, are evidences which speak for themselves.

I must apologise for occupying so long a time in these explanations, but they are necessitated by the many incorrect statements which have recently been current, but now that I have had an opportunity of placing the facts before you, I hope that the real position of the company will be better appreciated and understood, and that I shall not again have occasion to rebut malicious attacks of this nature.

GOVERNMENT SHARES.

I might here also refer to another rumour affecting our company, confirmation of which has actually been given in the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I refer to the possibility of the Government disposing of their Anglo-Persian shares, and thereby of their control of the company. We of course would not normally be interested in such a daily occurrence as a transaction in our shares, and no more in this case than in any ordinary case have we any control over the sale of his shares by one of our shareholders. You will recognise, therefore, that we are in no way parties to such proposal, nor have we, as a board, been consulted, or need we be consulted by this particular shareholder any more than by any other ordinary shareholder contemplating a sale of his shares. I am consequently not in a position to give you any information of a definite nature in the matter. I understand, however, that no decision in the matter has yet been arrived at, but you can take it, I think, that no sales will be effected without the interests of the other shareholders in the company being fully protected.

CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS.

Some curiosity has been expressed as to whether or not we shall require to make any further capital issues. As mentioned last year, and, as I have further explained to-day, we have been and still are meeting our capital requirements to a large extent out of revenue, and we see no reason at present for anticipating that this source will not suffice for all our requirements. In any case, should any further finance be required in connection with the carrying out of our present programme, it will be only of a temporary nature, and to meet this it is not considered necessary by the Board to commit the company to any further permanent obligations of a burdensome character. (Applause.) It is, however, open to us, under the Articles of Association, should the need at any time arise to create an additional £5,000,000 of Debenture Stock.

As mentioned in the report, the last issue of Ordinary shares was again very largely over-subscribed, and, as in the case of the previous issue, we had great difficulty in satisfying the demands of applicants. Since this issue was made the market price of these shares has—in common with most other Oil shares, and as a result of the fall in the value of oil products—undergone a substantial decline, accentuated, no doubt, by the unfounded rumours which have been current, but, as you will have gathered from my previous remarks, I do not think any of the shareholders who subscribed for the shares as an investment will ultimately have any reason for regretting their bargain. (Hear, hear.)

PRODUCTION.

I now come to the most important branch of our business—viz., production—on which the whole future prosperity of our company is based, and in this connection I am pleased to say that I have again nothing but good news to give you.

So far as our original producing areas in Persia are concerned, I can only confirm my statements at these meetings in previous years as to the wonderful manner in which the production of the wells is standing up. With increased pipeline facilities, which are now fully completed to handle the 5,000,000 tons per annum referred to by me on previous occasions, we have been able to gradually open out other wells with most gratifying results. These wells, I should explain, are not by any means opened out fully to the pipelines, and I hesitate to place any figures on maximum capacities if they were allowed to produce "all out." It may suffice if I say that in several cases the capacity of F7 (to which I have frequently referred, and which is still producing 12,500 barrels daily, and has now produced a total of no less than 5½ million tons) has been largely exceeded. We could obtain more accurate records of individual productions by closing in wells entirely, but owing to the high gas pressure to do so would be to incur unjustifiable risks. I need scarcely remind you that we are still in the fortunate position of having only flowing production—*i.e.*, "gushers"—and that all of them are of large capacity, advantages in cost of production which men with oil experience will fully appreciate.

I am happy to say that our relations with the Persian Government are of a satisfactory character, and that the anti-British feeling which existed in Persia when I last addressed you is now less acute.

The Chairman concluded by moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Right Hon. Lord Inchcape seconded the motion, which, after a short discussion, was agreed to unanimously.

IND, COOPE AND CO.

At the annual meeting of Ind, Coope, and Company, held in London yesterday, Mr. Louis E. Walker, Chairman of the directors, said that, inasmuch as any Government, especially at the present time, would wish to maintain as large a revenue as possible, it was hardly likely it would kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Courthope, M.P., Deputy Chairman, said that he was agitated by a contemplation of the times through which they had got to pass. He felt there was some cause for alarm in the uncertainties for the future.

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THE MONEY MARKET.

PLETHORA OF LOANABLE CREDITS.

HEAVY EXCHANGES.

There was still a superabundance of credit in Lombard street. It would seem that the banks are keeping their position as liquid as possible in preparation for Christmas and the end of the year, so that there is a lessened demand for short-dated bills. Hence supplies of money are large. In these circumstances there was little scope for business in discounts, there being no possibility of reinvesting money from bills sold, and even at lower rates sellers were reluctant. Night money was eventually offering down to 1½ p.c. and under, after old day-to-day money had been renewed at 2 p.c. and fixtures at 2½. Accommodation into the new year was obtainable at 3 to 3¼ p.c. As regards discounts the effective rate for fine three months' bank bills was 3⅝ p.c., but here and there 3½ was given as a quotation. The new Treasuries were 3 7/16-3½ p.c., with not much buying, and January paper was nominally 3 p.c.; February 3 7/16, with no demand.

Bank Rate (Discount) changed July 5, 1923, 4%.

60 days (fine)	3⅝		
3 months	3⅝ 3¾%	Trade	4 4½%
4 months	3⅝ 3¾%	"	4¼ 4½%
6 months	3⅝ 3¾%	"	4½ 5%
Loans to brokers day-to-day			2 1¾%
" for a week			2½ 2¾%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call			2%
Discount houses, at call			2%
" at notice			2¼%

Gold was 1d. per oz. lower at 94s. 4d. nominal. Silver was unchanged for both spot and forward delivery at 33⅞d. per oz. and 32 13/16d. respectively.

A heavy tone prevailed in the market for foreign exchange, where very little business was going on. French francs weakened to 82.80-82.90 and Belgian to 94.90-95.00. Sterling was firmer on New York at 4.37⅞-4.37⅞ dollars, but Holland was not so strong at 11.45⅜-11.46 3/16. Italy being 100⅛-100⅜. Brazilian milreis had a further improvement to 5 3/16-5¼. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 17.		December 15.		Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½
Amsterdam	11.45⅜	11.46⅜	11.44¾	11.45¾	12.10
B. Ayres	40¼	40⅜	40¼	40⅝	47.58
Barcelona	33.44	33.46	33.42	33.45	25.22
Berlin	19 billions		17½ billions		20.40
Bombay	1/5	1/5⅛	1/5	1/5⅛	2/0
Brussels	94.90	95.00	94.95	95.05	25.22½
Calcutta	1/5	1/5⅛	1/5	1/5⅛	2/0
Christiania	29.15	29.20	29.10	29.14	18.15
Copenhagen	24.50	24.53	24.50	24.53	18.15
Czecho-Slov	149¼	149¾	149¼	149¾	—
Finland	176¾	177¼	177	177½	25.22½
Greece	253	263	250	260	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/3⅝	2/4⅛	2/3½	2/4⅛	—
Hungary	80,000	90,000	80,000	95,000	—
Italy	100⅛	100⅜	100¼	100⅝	25.22½
Lisbon	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	53⅛d.
Madrid	33.40	33.45	33.40	33.43	25.22½
Mexico	26⅛d		26⅛d		24⅛d.
Montreal	4.48⅞	4.48⅝	4.48	4.48⅛	4.86
Montevideo	42¼	43¼	42¼	43¼	51d.
New York	4.37⅞	4.38⅛	4.37⅛	4.37⅛	4.86
Paris	82.80	82.90	82.50	82.55	25.22
Poland	21,000,000		18,000,000 sellrs		—
RiodeJan	5⅛	5¼	5⅛	5½	16d.
Roumania	845	865	840	860	—
Shanghai	3/4⅝	3/5⅛	3/4⅝	3/5⅛	—
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	16.62	16.65	16.60	16.63	18.15
Switzerland	25.07	25.09	25.08	25.10	25.22
Valparaiso	40.60		40.70		13.33
Vienna	308,000	314,000	308,000	313,000	—
Yokohama	2/1⅛	2/1⅜	2/1½	2/2⅛	24.

TEA SHARES.

Market weak and prices lower. Anglo-Ceylon Estates, 48/6-1/6; Assam, £120-3; Doom Dooma, £33½+⅛; East Produce, 57/--3d.; Imperial Ord., 39/3-3d.; Jorehaut, 66/3+3d.; Single Ord., 61/6-6d.

Business done:—Associated Tea, 40/-; Bengal United, 25⅛; Doom Dooma, 35⅛; Empire of India, 56/-; Imperial, 38/9, 9/3; Jorehaut, 66/6, 3d.; Nuwara Eliya, 26; Single Tea, 61/6; ditto Pref., 18/9; Assam Frontier, 36⅛; Bowlana, 23/3, 4/-; Doolooogram, 37/-; Jokai Assam, 60/-; Longai Valley, 30/6; Luuuva Ceylon, 35/3, 5/-.

BATTERSBY & CO.'S SALES.

THURSDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 20TH, 1923,
AT OUR SALEROOMS, No. 39 WESTMORELAND ST., AT 1.30 O'C.

B. & Co. 466 N.C.R. (3 ARDILAUN TERRACE). DEC. 20TH.
Head rent £4. Lease 999 years. Immediate possession to purchaser.
Messrs. CROWLEY and BOLGER, Solicitors, 4 and 5 Lower O'Connell street.

B. & Co. 99 SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD, KILMAINHAM. DEC. 20TH.
Head rent £5 10/-. Lease 800 years. Clear possession.
Messrs. NOYK and O'REILLY, Solicitors, 12 College Green.

B. & Co. ST. MICHAEL'S, 33 EGLINTON ROAD, DONNYBROOK. CLEAR POSSESSION. DEC. 20TH.
Will be Sold subject to £11 per annum. Lease 200 years from 1877.
Messrs. STEPHEN GORDON and SON, Solicitors, 15 Molesworth street.

B. & Co. 2 BAYSWATER TERRACE, SANDYCOVE. DEC. 20TH.
Held for 40½ years. Subject to £25 per annum. Clear possession to purchaser. Key at No. 26 Sandycove road.
Messrs. H. and W. STANLEY, Solicitors, 59 Dawson street.

B. & Co. ST. PANCRAS, HAROLD'S CROSS. DEC. 20TH.
Held for ever, subject to £64 12/6. Clear possession to purchaser. Seen daily, 11 to 1 o'clock.
Messrs. LETT and FETHERSTONHAUGH, Solicitors, 23 Ely place.

B. & Co. LR. EYRE ST., NEWBRIDGE, CO. KILDARE. DEC. 20TH.
SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT HOUSE, DOUBLE-FRONTED SHOP.
Clear possession. Ground rent, £3 5s. 0d. Lease 34 years. Seen daily.
Messrs. MAXWELL, WELDON, and CO., Solicitors, 40 North Great George's street.

B. & Co. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEC. 20TH.
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LOT 2.—1 CASTLE TERRACE, ULVERTON ROAD, DALKEY.
Let at £50 per annum, landlord paying taxes. Will be Sold subject to £10 per annum. Lease 200 years.
LOT 3.—2 CASTLE TERRACE, DALKEY, WITH VACANT POSSESSION.
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BIRTHS.

DOHERTY—December 7, 1923, at The Bungalow, Castlerea, to Annie, wife of Gregory Doherty, Ulster Bank, Ltd., a daughter.

HENRY—December 9, 1923, at Largy, Drumconrath, Co. Meath, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Henry, a son.

McDADE—December 12, 1923, at Nursing Home, 12 Upper Leeson st., to Mr. and Mrs. H. McDade, a daughter.

MUNRO—December 16, 1923, at Hereford, to Captain and Mrs. H. F. Munro, a daughter (Eleanor Mary).

PAGAN—December 14, 1923, at Ballylin, Ferbane, King's Co., to Mr. and Mrs. Pagan, a son.

WHELAN—December 10, 1923, at 93 Lower Baggot st., to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Whelan, 42 Raymond st., a daughter.

WILLIAMS—December 4, 1923, at Belfast, to Mrs. and Major Newton M. Williams, M.C. (Persia), a son.

MARRIAGES.

BEATTIE and SMYTH—December 15, 1923, at Port Said, Douglas William Beattie, Eastern Telegraph Company's Service, to Alexandra Smyth, of 7 Dartmouth square, Dublin. (By cable.)

HILL and SPILLER—November 11, 1923, by special licence, at Edmonton Parish Church, Herbert Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, 55 Grove st., Edmonton, London, to Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spiller, 7 Mountpleasant tce., Rathmines, Dublin.

WILLIAMS and MARKS—December 15, 1923, at St. Matthew's Church, Irishtown, by the Rev. J. Carolin, B.D., Thomas Wilkin Williams, of Sandymount and Swansea, to Mary Constance Marks, of Sandymount, daughter of the late Robert J. Leland, of Drogheda.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

CAMPBELL—December 18, 1923, at his residence, 3 Victoria place, Athlone, Richard Campbell, aged 89 years. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock to Cornamagh Cemetery.

CHAPMAN—December 16, 1923, in Dublin, Maria, daughter of the late Benjamin Chapman, Crorey, Ferns. Funeral to-day (Wednesday) from Harcourt st. Station, arriving at Ferns 1.32, for Ballycarney.

CLEMENTS—December 18, 1923, Mary Sophie Clements, of La Rive, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

FARRELL—December 17, 1923, at his residence, Longford, Christopher J. P. Farrell, Solicitor, aged 47 years. R.I.P. High Mass at St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford, to-day (Wednesday), 19th inst., at 11 a.m. Funeral from Cathedral immediately after Mass.

FLEMING—December 17, 1923, at his residence, Mourne View House, Lurgan, W. J. Fleming, Solicitor, dearly-beloved husband of Maggie W. Fleming. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 11 o'clock to the family burying ground, Shankill.

GOGGIN—December 16, 1923, at the Bevan Nursing Home, Sandgate, after a brief illness, Colonel G. T. Goggin, R.A.M.C. (retired), of Cratloe, Turketel rd., Folkestone, and Limerick.

HUSSEY—December 17, 1923, at The Rest, Camden Row, George James, youngest son of Frances and the late James Hussey, of this city. Funeral private.

McLOUGHLIN—December 18, 1923, at her residence, Kiltrough, Drogheda, Bridget McLoughlin, R.I.P. Remains removed to St. Mary's Church 6.30 this (Wednesday) evening. Office and High Mass in St. Mary's to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral to Colpe Cemetery immediately afterwards.

MOORE—December 17, 1923, at Richview, Clonskeagh, Helen Cleland, wife of James Moore, M.A., Headmaster, Masonic Boys' School, and second daughter of the late Charles T. Haines, Esq. Funeral private. No flowers.

O'BRIEN—December 15, 1923, at her residence, Lower Curragh, Skibbereen, Bridget, dearly-beloved wife of Jeremiah O'Brien. Deeply regretted.

O'KEEFFE—December 18, 1923, at the Presbytery, Gardiner st., Dublin, the Rev. Timothy O'Keeffe, S.J., aged 83. R.I.P. Office and High Mass at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday), 20th December. His Grace the Archbishop will preside.

O'REILLY—December 16, 1923, at the Private Nursing Home, Eccles st., the Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Bishop of Peoria, Illinois, America, and late of "Novara," Hollybrook rd., Clontarf. Office and High Mass at Church of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf, at 11 o'clock, this (Wednesday) morning. Funeral to Glasnevin Cemetery immediately after.

READE—December 13, 1923, at Holmead, Tiverton, after a week's illness, Sarah Jane, widow of the late Joseph Reade, Ennis, Co. Clare, and beloved sister of Mrs. Bolton. Her end was peace. Friends will please accept this (the only) intimation.

ROCHFORD—December 18, 1923, at his residence, Lucerne, Strand rd., Sandymount, John Rochford, K.S.G., aged 89 years. R.I.P. Funeral from the Church of the Star of the Sea, Sandymount, after 9 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Thursday), 20th December, to Glasnevin Cemetery.

SHERRIFF—December 18, 1923, at Pottleboy, Cootehill, Gladys, elder daughter of Edwin and Annie Sherriff, aged 22 years. Funeral to-day (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. to Cootehill Presbyterian Cemetery.

STOKER—December 18, 1923, Ruth, fourth daughter of Frank Stoker, 23 Westland Row, aged 14 years. R.I.P. Funeral private.

TIGHE—December 17, 1923, at 3 Clifton tce., Ranelagh rd., after a short illness, late of Ballywilliam. "With the Lord, which is far better."

WYBRANTS—December 17, 1923, at Richmond Hospital, Anne Wybrants, late of Mountmellick. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) morning to Mount Jerome at 11 o'clock.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Anthony and family, of Westenra Lodge, Kildare, desire to thank all those who have so kindly remembered them in their recent sad bereavement, and regret they are unable to reply individually to each message of sympathy.

Mrs. Moonan, Castle st., Ardee, begs to return thanks to all those who so kindly sent messages of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement, and trusts they will accept this as her grateful acknowledgment.

Mrs. Ryan and family, St. Helen's, Claremont rd., Sandymount, wish to thank their many kind friends who sent telegrams and letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, and trust they will accept this as a grateful acknowledgment.

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